

U.S. Senate approves INF treaty

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Senate Friday approved President Reagan's first major arms control agreement with the Soviet Union, two days before the president meets Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow. The ratification documents for the intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty were to be given to Reagan in Helsinki Sunday. He will then sign the treaty into law. Final approval of the treaty had never been in doubt. But until the end it had been bogged down by a series of amendments proposed by Republicans that had raised doubts whether Reagan would get the treaty in time for the summit. Reagan plans to exchange ratification documents with Gorbachev in a ceremony designed to be a centerpiece of the summit. Reagan had said before to approve the treaty in time would put a strain on the summit, and his chief Senate ally, Republican leader Robert Dole, warned his party conservatives that they threatened to embarrass their president.

Jordan Times

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Hassan II to attend Arab summit

RABAT (R) — Diplomatic reconciliation between Morocco and Algeria will be sealed when Morocco's King Hassan attends the Arab summit opening in Algiers on June 7, diplomatic sources said Friday. It will be the king's first visit to the neighbouring country since 1973 and follows last week's announcement that the two states had agreed to resume diplomatic relations after a 12-year rift. The restoration of ties, said to have been a condition for Moroccan participation at the summit, could pave the way for a peaceful settlement of the Western Sahara conflict, diplomats said. Algerian-backed guerrillas of the Polisario Front have been fighting for independence for the Moroccan-controlled Western Sahara since 1975. Diplomats said King Hassan would arrive in Algiers June 5, two days before the summit is due to begin, for talks with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

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Arab air carriers set up committee

DAMASCUS (Petra) — The Arab Air Carriers Organisation Friday concluded a several-day meeting here and decided to set up an Arab finance committee which will be entrusted with purchasing and chartering aircrafts on behalf of Arab countries.

Ibn Ali, Benjedid in S. Arabia for Omra

RIYADH (R) — Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali arrived in Saudi Arabia Friday and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid Thursday night after attending the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit in Addis Ababa. They will perform the minor Omra pilgrimage. Benjedid, who will host an Arab summit in Algiers June 7, held talks with King Fahd after his arrival. King Fahd had talks with Ibn Ali when he stopped over in Riyadh on his way to Ethiopia.

Moroccan premier due in Cairo

RABAT (R) — Moroccan Prime Minister Azzeddine Laraki leaves for Cairo Saturday at the head of the first high-level official delegation to Egypt since the two countries normalised ties last year after a nine-year break. Officials said his talks would cover a wide range of issues, from political coordination to cooperation in information. The talks in Cairo will be the context of a joint committee set up during a visit to Morocco by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in February.

Aga Khan: Afghans need massive aid

GENEVA (R) — Afghanistan needs a major international aid plan to recover from the destruction caused by years of war, the coordinator of U.N. aid to the country said Friday. "They (the Afghans) all realise that to reconstruct the country, which has been virtually destroyed, you need a tremendous international effort, a kind of Afghan Marshall plan," said the coordinator, Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan. He was alluding to the massive U.S. programme of assistance to Europe after World War II.

Najibullah pardons French journalist

ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan President Najibullah, acting on a direct plea from French President Francois Mitterrand, has pardoned a French photo-journalist held for eight months on spying charges, Kabul Radio said Friday. The radio monitored here disclosed the news about Alain Guillo after a French embassy spokesman in Kabul said he would be released within two days. In a letter delivered to Najibullah by special envoy, Mitterrand said Guillo had entered Afghanistan illegally but his release would help strengthen relations between the two countries, the radio reported.

Walters in Bahrain

BAHRAIN (AP) — The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters, arrived Friday on the latest leg of his swing through Middle Eastern capitals for consultations on the Iran-Iraq war and the Palestinian problem. Walters already has visited Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

Another Meese side resigns

WASHINGTON (R) — Charles Cooper, a top aide to embattled U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese, announced his resignation Friday, adding to the turmoil at the Justice Department which has been rocked by Meese's legal problems. Cooper, one of Meese's most influential advisers, said he was resigning July 8 as an assistant attorney general, but denied his departure was linked to the growing controversy surrounding Meese, the chief U.S. law enforcement officer, who has been under criminal investigation for more than a year.

3 more Palestinians turn uprising martyrs

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Two Palestinians died Friday of wounds received in clashes with Israeli soldiers in the occupied West Bank and a three-year-old girl died of tear-gas inhalation in the occupied Gaza Strip, according to the Israeli army and Palestinian sources.

Iyad Abdallah Ibrahim Zeid, 16, was shot by an Israeli policeman in the West Bank town of Qalkilya in February, the spokeswoman said. An army spokeswoman said a 14-year-old boy from the Jelaoun refugee camp died in hospital after being wounded by troops Wednesday. Israel Radio said the boy, Ay-

man Rajah Abu Radaha, was hit by a rubber bullet while watching the army disperse a protest from a window of his house. Palestinian residents of the Zeitoun neighbourhood in the Gaza Strip said a three-year-old girl died Friday of tear-gas inhalation when the army dispersed a demonstration. The army denied that the girl died of tear-gas

effects. In Jerusalem, leading Palestinian journalist Raddwan Abu Ayyash was released from jail Friday nine days before the end of his six-month term in what Israeli officials called a "gesture of goodwill." Abu Ayyash, 38, head of the Arab Journalists' Association, was arrested last December, a few days before the start of the Palestinian uprising. He was arrested under an Israeli law allowing six-month detentions without trial on charges of being a chief organiser for the Fatah organisation. Abu Ayyash worked as an editor at the Al Awdah magazine which was recently closed by

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Syrians move into Hizbollah stronghold

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Syrian troops met rejoicing residents when they pushed into Beirut's battle-scarred southern suburbs Friday to halt three weeks of bitter inter-Shi'ite fighting. Between 800 and 900 soldiers, part of a 7,000-strong Syrian force, clad in bullet-proof jackets and armed with rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns, took

up 10 combat positions in Chiyah and Gbobeir districts, Reuters and the AP reported. Bulldozers started to flatten big sand barricades built by the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) and the Syrian-backed Amal militia to defend their positions after ferocious battles erupted between them May 6. Diplomats said Syria's military

action could bring fresh moves to free up to 18 Western hostages missing and believed held by pro-Iranian militants in the suburbs, which have been outside Lebanese government control for four years. A unit of 100 Lebanese policemen supported the Syrian troops whose deployment was finally approved by Iran Thursday, nearly two weeks after Damascus said it would move in. Witnesses told Reuters the soldiers took up positions a few blocks from Hizbollah headquarters on Hajaj street where some hostages were known to have been kept. Hizbollah fighters watched the soldiers warily from behind the shattered buildings which formed their battle positions.

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Resistance on full alert in S. Lebanon

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Tension remained high Friday in South Lebanon where Israeli soldiers and their Lebanese militia allies stormed villages for a second time Thursday in their search for resistance fighters. Reports from the south said Friday resistance groups were on full alert and were manning anti-aircraft positions round-the-clock in anticipation of further Israeli attacks.

Sources quoted by Reuters said Israeli jets bombed positions of the Iranian backed Hizbollah in the village of Louwazib and South Lebanon Army (SLA) militiamen carried out a search of the village Thursday. Thursday's raid was Israel's third air strike on the village in two days and its 12th into Lebanon this year. The sources said Israeli ground forces also backed the SLA operation. In Tel Aviv, an army spokesman said SLA men bunted the militants under Israeli air cover but added: "There was no de-

fined operation as there was yesterday." A Hizbollah spokesman in west Beirut said Israeli jets bombed the group's posts in Louwazib while its fighters repulsed a joint Israeli-SLA offensive and inflicted heavy casualties. Security sources said up to 40 Hizbollah fighters were killed Wednesday when an Israeli-SLA force advanced to the village, 10 kilometres northeast of the market town of Nabatieh, to wage a nine-hour battle involving hand-to-hand fighting with knives. Five SLA militiamen were also wounded during the incursion, an SLA source in the town of Marjayoun said. The Amal militia, fighting Hizbollah for control of south Beirut, said it also engaged the Israelis at Louwazib Wednesday and five of its men were killed. Israeli aircraft attacked Louwazib twice during the incursion — before the force moved in and shortly before it withdrew.

Le Pen warns of 'tension' if his party is defeated

PARIS (R) — Far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, who unexpectedly won millions of votes in the French presidential election, is warning of tension if his National Front is driven from parliament in next month's general election. Opinion polls predict the anti-immigrant campaigner will lose his own bid to win a seat in Marseille and see his party ranks in the 577-seat National Assembly slashed from 32 to less than five when the nation votes June 5 and 12. "That would be a black day for the republic and for democracy. When a representative system no longer permits representation of several million people, then there's something rotten in the state of France," says Le Pen. "If the assembly does not play its role as a chamber for defusing... tensions, they will manifest themselves elsewhere." If, as forecast, voters give President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist Party a landslide victory, Le Pen vows the National Front would form "the backbone of the resistance to socialism."

These dire warnings, repeated in magazine and television interviews this week as Le Pen campaigned in Marseille, are the 59-year-old former paratrooper's response to predictions of a National Front wipeout. Le Pen stunned France by taking 14.4 per cent of the vote in the first round of presidential elections April 24, making his party easily the biggest far-right movement in Europe. It was, he said, an earthquake which changed the political landscape. The port city of Marseille, where he took nearly 30 per cent of the vote, had made him "a declaration of love." Le Pen's divisive impact on the right helped Mitterrand win a second term and will help the Socialists in the follow-up parliamentary election ordered by the president. But his very success, as a populist orator spreading ideas condemned as racist and fascist, alarmed the establishment and made him political enemy number one of the left, the centre, and sections of the moderate right.

Pittsburg seminar produces agreements

PITTSBURG (Agencies) — A seminar on investment in Jordan and trade with the Kingdom continued here Thursday and business leaders from the U.S. and Jordan exchanged views and reached several agreements in principle over increased cooperation in the field of technology and trade and other fields of economy.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who opened the seminar Wednesday, gave a briefing Thursday on Jordan's strategic location in the Middle East region and its strong economic infrastructure.

He noted that this location made Jordan a prime area as a Middle Eastern regional centre which is able to provide maintenance services for American industries. In the dialogue that followed, initial agreement was reached on assembling some of American industrial products in Jordan, and on exporting certain Jordanian industrial products to the U.S. markets. Prince Hassan and the Jordanian delegation visited the Carnegie Mellon Institute and toured its computer laboratories and a unit for developing computer programmes for management and industry.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that initial agreement was reached during the visit regarding bilateral cooperation in preparing educational programmes for Jordan. Prince Hassan later met with Pittsburg Mayor Sophy Masloff and a group of prominent Pittsburg economists to discuss cooperation in technology. The Prince later hosted a reception to mark Jordan's independence day anniversary. Pittsburg is the second and last stop for the Crown Prince after Atlanta, Georgia, where a similar seminar was held.



A DAY OF SPORT: Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor chat with His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah during Friday's Tal Al Rumman hill climb, one of the events in the 1988 National Rally Championship. The King and Prince Abdullah took part in the contest and won second and third positions respectively (see story on page 7)

Iranians fortify border after forced out of southeast Iraq

King congratulates Iraq

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein has congratulated Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for regaining the southeastern Shalamchah region east of Basra. The King, in a telephone call he made to the president Wednesday evening, paid tribute to the Iraqi armed forces and people for their efforts to repel aggression and protect Arab land. President Hussein expressed his country's appreciation of Jordan's continued support for the Iraqi people in their endeavour to defend their territory against Iranian aggression, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said. The Iraqi leader also conveyed good wishes to the King on Jordan's Independence Day anniversary, Petra said. Call from Mubarak Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Thursday evening called King Hussein by telephone. The president exchanged views with the King on current Arab issues, according to a report in the Al Ra'i daily. Mubarak also conveyed to the King his good wishes on Jordan's Independence Day, it said. Prime Minister Zaid Rifai has also congratulated Iraq over its successes at the Fao Peninsula and Shalamchah. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thouqan Hindawi conveyed Rifai's congratulations to Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan in Baghdad.

Superpowers trade human rights charges two days before summit

HELSINKI (Agencies) — A U.S.-Soviet row over human rights has broken out two days before the superpower summit opens in Moscow. U.S. President Ronald Reagan, striking a tough note ahead of his talks with Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, urged Moscow to release political prisoners, allow free emigration and introduce full religious tolerance. In Moscow, Soviet officials suggested the tone of his Helsinki speech boded ill for the summit. The Soviet media attacked the U.S. on human rights issues, accusing Washington of ignoring its own violations. Sounding the human rights theme he will stress in his talks in Moscow, Reagan praised Gorbachev's "glasnost" and the openness that has flourished in his three years at the Kremlin helm. But while dissidents are re-

leased from labour camps and books and movies criticising the communist system gain currency, Reagan said, "Soviet practice does not — or does not yet — measure up to Soviet commitment." In the Helsinki accord with 34 other nations, the Soviets pledged to provide more liberty for their people and those in Eastern Europe. And yet, 13 years later, Reagan said, the cases of divided families and blocked marriages remain on the East-West agenda, while Soviets trying to emigrate are subjected to artificial quotas and arbitrary rulings. "And what are we to think of the continued suppression of those who wish to practice their religious beliefs?" Reagan asked. Reagan spoke in a prepared speech to a Finnish audience in Finlandia Hall, where the Helsinki final agreement was signed in 1975.

Earlier Friday, Reagan played down the significance of the Soviet decision to cancel one of his meetings with Gorbachev. "We only had four meetings at our summit in Washington," he told reporters. "We have to recognise that their government has normal business that has to be conducted and we have to schedule accordingly — that's what we did when the summit was in our town." The Soviet media meanwhile fired a broadside at the United States on human rights issues Friday, with two newspapers and the official news agency TASS accusing Washington of ignoring its own alleged violations. "Problems of human rights are everywhere," the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said in a commentary. "Do they really not exist in the United States?"

Abu Odeh: Jordan-U.S. ties poor

LONDON (R) — A senior Jordanian official said in remarks published Thursday that Jordan's relations with the United States had been harmed by its policy in the Middle East and its reluctance to sell arms to the Kingdom. "We regret ties are not good and the reasons are that the United States made them reach that point by its stand on the Palestinian question and... Congress' position on arming Jordan," Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh told the London-based Al Majalla magazine. Congress has blocked several arms deals to Arab states, including Jordan.



Adnan Abu Odeh Abu Odeh said Jordan was seeking weapons from manufacturers outside the United States and praised Moscow's approach to the Middle East. He said the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) refused to join a joint delegation with Jordan for an international peace conference because the PLO wrongly believed Amman was competing with it.

Sahara on focus at OAU summit

ADDIS ABABA (Agencies) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar met Friday with leaders of the Polisario Front, sparking speculation he may be mediating an end to its war with Morocco over the Western Sahara. Perez de Cuellar's meeting took place while African leaders attending the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit went into a closed session to discuss the Western Sahara question and the Chad-Libya dispute. Aides said the U.N. chief was meeting with Mohammed Abdul Aziz, president of the Saharawi Arab democratic republic, and that he was confident of resolving the war between the Polisario Front and Morocco. "The secretary-general expects to be able to hold a referendum in Western Sahara within the next

few months," said an aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Perez de Cuellar has visited the Western Sahara to mediate the dispute with President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, outgoing chairman of the OAU. "Our contacts with the parties encourage us to believe that, given their continued cooperation and political will, a peaceful solution to the problem can be found," he said. The peace process has accelerated with this month's resumption of diplomatic relations between Morocco and Algeria, the Polisario Front's main backer. Kaunda made the comments in his chairman's address to the pan-African body. He spoke before being replaced as chairman by Mali's president, Moussa Traore. The year-long elected post revolves between northern and sub-Saharan Africa.

Traore called on Africans to unite "so as to bear up to the many problems facing our countries." He also urged the OAU to "further improve our methods of struggle so as to fully dismantle apartheid and increase moral and material support to the peoples of South Africa, Namibia and the frontline states." Chad-Libya conflict Traore said recent achievements in mediating the Libya-Chad dispute were "clear evidence of the ability of Africa to transcend its differences." Kaunda mediated a ceasefire between the two countries last September and Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi Wednesday marked the OAU's 25th anniversary by declaring an end to the 15-year-old war.

Dukakis leads Bush by wide margin, polls show

WASHINGTON (R) — Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis would easily defeat Vice-President George Bush if the November presidential election were held now, according to a new poll released Friday by the Washington Post and ABC News. The survey, the fourth major poll this month to show Dukakis with a solid lead, said the likely Democratic presidential nominee holds a 53-40 percentage point advantage over Bush, who has wrapped up the Republican nomination. A poll conducted last March gave Dukakis a 50-45 per cent lead. The latest survey of 1,508 voters was conducted between May 19 and May 26. Dukakis, who has nearly 1,700 of the 2,081 delegates needed to win his party's mantle at the national convention that opens in Atlanta July 18, expects to wrap

up the nomination in the final primary contests June 7. Voters in California, New Mexico, Montana and New Jersey will choose 466 delegates that day. Dukakis is heavily favoured to defeat his lone Democratic rival, civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, in all four states. While Dukakis campaigned in California and New Mexico Friday, Bush was at his Kennebunkport, Maine, vacation home. The latest poll duplicated results in early Gallup, Harris, and New York Times/CBS polls. Spokesmen for both parties said the polls are only a "snapshot" of voting sentiment now and a close election was expected. But Democratic spokeswoman Julie Anbender said the favourable polls help motivate party workers.

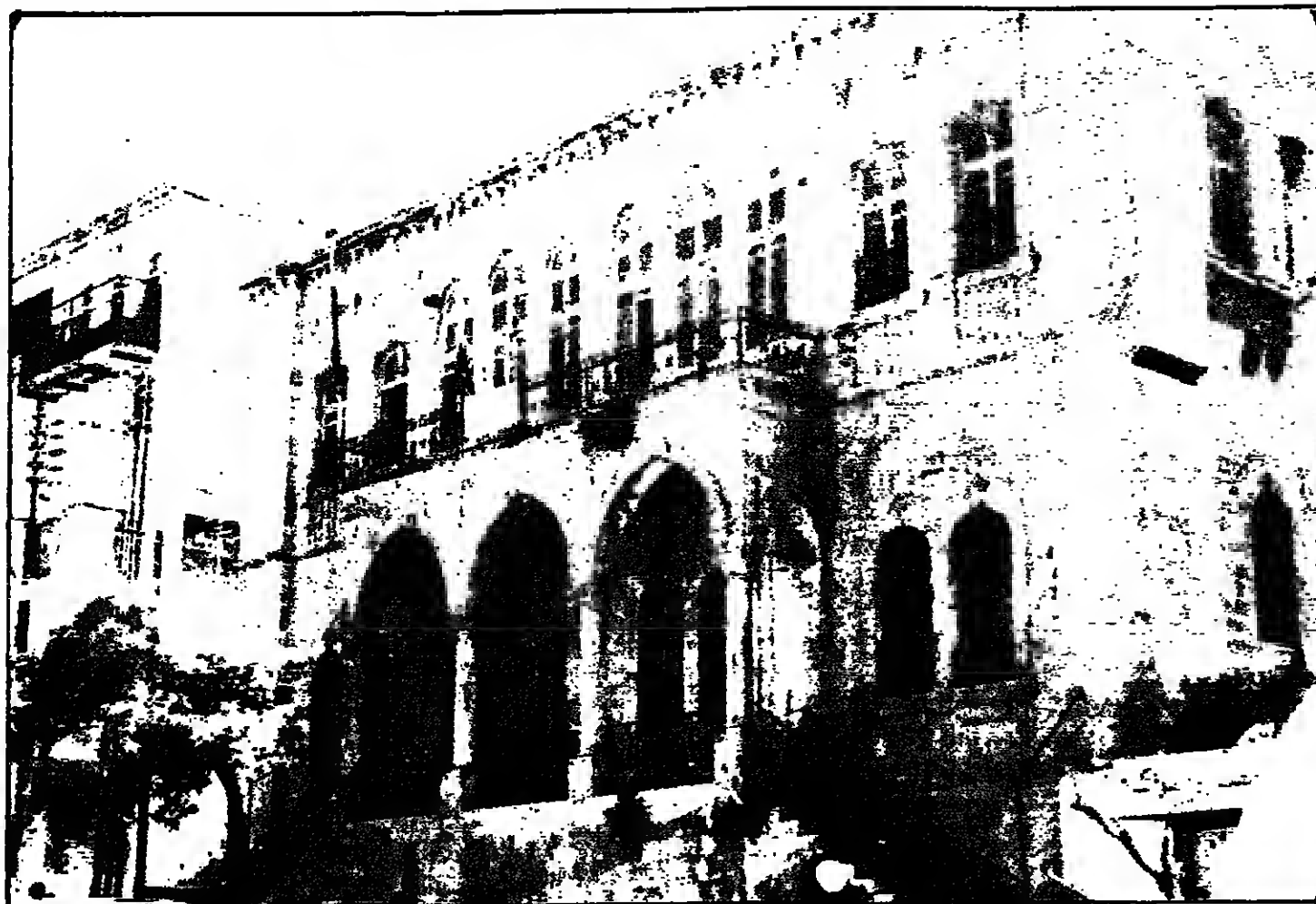
Old Salt: Inspiration for contemporary architects

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The fine old buildings that dominate the centre of the city of Salt have as much to offer today as they had when they were first constructed nearly a hundred years ago. The meticulous workmanship of the often exquisite architectural detailing still has the ability to impress, to stimulate and excite. Yet despite this, little has been written or documented about these structures, until recently.

Over the last year a team of architects and engineers from the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), the Ministry of Public Works and Housing and the University of Jordan have been documenting in some detail more than 180 houses in Salt in preparation for the first volume of a new publication, a Handbook of Architectural Heritage.

The handbook is part of The National Architectural Heritage of Jordan Project initiated by the Building Research Centre (BRC) at the RSS. This project which is being financed by the Ministry of Planning will eventually cover all the major cities of the country: Madaba, Karak, Amman etc., documenting in each case buildings that date from 1,700 and structures built before that date being protected by the Department of Antiquities. "The steering committee for the project has quickly realised that the money allocated for the entire project was small and the job huge," director of the BRC, Dr. Daoud Jabaji told the Jordan Times. "So we decided to start off with one town and Salt being the richest in terms of architectural heritage and close to Amman, was chosen. The Salt project will then be used



Beit Toukan in Salt

as a model for the other cities that we will document in the future."

Surveying Salt

Under the guidance of deputy director of the BRC, Dr. Seyfeddin Muaz, the project manager, the team of architects and engineers began by making a thorough field survey of the old buildings in the city of Salt and its

surrounding area. Buildings constructed between the years 1700 and 1950 were included and the basic information collected comprised details of ownership, construction date, previous and present use, the condition of the building and the type of construction and materials used, all of which were illustrated with photographs, slides and sketches.

Completed in December of last year the survey was then reviewed in order to choose 20 buildings from the 180 surveyed that would best represent the architectural character of Salt. These final 20, which include such famous buildings as the old school, Beit Abu Jaber, the old mosque in Sharar Hamam, the English Church and Hospital, are now being more fully documented.

To be published on December 31, 1988, volume one of the handbook will eventually include comprehensive architectural drawings of plans, sections, elevations as well as structural and architectural details and photographs and slides. There will also be a written text describing the history of the buildings, the architectural details, construction, shading devices, ventilation, thermal insulation, different methods of construction and materials used.

Dr. Jabaji feels that this text will add much to the handbook. "By becoming involved with the socio-economic history of these structures, by tracing their development and analysing how and why they were built that way, the book immediately becomes alive. We hope that this book will become a tool for our architects, from which they can draw inspiration and ideas, incorporating what they see into their own contemporary designs."



Abu Jaber house architectural detail



Abu Jaber house fresco ceiling



Detail from Salt

JTV Channel 2 Preview

Sat. — May 28, 1988

8:30 Mr. Belvedere

9:10 Varieties

10:00 News in English

10:20 Feature Film
Murder by DeathStarring:
Eileen Brennan
Truman Capote
James Coco

An invitation to "dinner and a murder" has been sent by eccentric millionaire Lionel Twain (Truman Capote) to five of the world's most famous detectives: Belgium's Milo Perrier (James Coco); private eye Sam Diamond (Peter Falk) from the U.S.; England's famous sleuth Jessica Marbles (Elsa Lanchester); inscrutable Oriental Sidney Wang (David Niven) and the urbane Dick and Dora Charleston (David Niven and Maggie Smith). Twain's house staff includes the blind butler Bensonmum (Sir Alec Guinness) and the deaf-mute cook Yetta (Nancy Walker).

Sun. — May 29, 1988

8:30 Check it out

9:10 New Doc. — Japan

This major four-part documentary series from Central Television, produced and directed by Peter Spry-Leverson, presents a British impression of the country, examining how its ancient traditions blend with its new technology and modern trends, and asking how this combination of old and new helps shape the society and its people.

The first programme, The Electronic Tribe, focuses on the contrasts between the present-day life of factory workers and the inherited religious and rural customs still found in the ordinary home.

10:00 News in English

10:20 Private Eye

War Buddy

11:10 Rich Man, Poor Man

Mon. — May 30, 1988

8:30 Perfect strangers

9:10 Secret Army

10:00 News in English

10:20 Feature Film

Tue. — May 31, 1988

8:30 I Married Dora

Peter's boss, Hughes Whitney Lennox, announces his retirement, turns into an old fogey, and drives the Farrell family crazy by hanging around their house.



Maggie Smith and David Niven in Murder by Death, Saturday at 10:20

9:10 Nuclear Weapons
Last Part

10:00 News in English

10:20 Murder She Wrote

Expensive necklaces stolen on plane Mrs. Fletcher and member of Scotland Yard investigate. So as to discover who is the thief.

Wed. — June 1, 1988

8:30 Guinness Records

Surfers often face danger when riding waves, but fewer than a dozen are brave and skillful enough to challenge the monster surf of Waimea Bay, Oahu.

Here the waves regularly tower 25 feet or more, the biggest rideable surf on Earth. "The Spectacular World of Guinness Records" introduces you to Kenny Bradshaw, the most famous surfer of Waimea's crushingly huge swells.

Bradshaw expounds on the risk and thrills of high-wave surfing. Guinness' cameras capture his daring attempts to ride Waimea's wildest, record-breaking waves!

9:00 Hooper Man

9:30 Twilight Zone
Little boy lost

10:00 News in English

10:20 New Drama - Series
The Charming

Drama series about the pre-war career of Ralph Ernest Gorse, womaniser, swindler and murderer. Nigel Havers stars as Gorse, a determined social climber, irresistible seducer of women and a ruthless opportunist. His lust for money, women and power sets him inexorably on the path to murder. Also starring Rosemary Leach, Bernard Hepton and Fiona Fullerton.

11:20 Three's Company

After the male manager quits, Janet runs the shop efficiently with the help of Chloe, a new

employee with an eye-catching figure, but doubts that the chauvinist owner, Compton, would promote a woman. Then Compton makes an announcement that tempts Janet to seek a new image.

Thur. — June 2, 1988

8:30 Charlie Chaplin

9:10 Anna of the Five Towns
New Mini-series

Anna of the Five Towns is one of the great love stories of fiction. But Anna only realises her true love after she has married another man — successful young Henry Mynors; Willie Price's body is later found at the bottom of an abandoned pit-shaft.

Arnold Bennett was a brilliant story-teller. He described the five towns of the Potteries as having 'A grim and original beauty', which was superbly captured in this four-part serial. John Harvey's dramatisation attracted nearly seven million viewers each week, and the production launched the career of newcomer Linsey Beauchamp, who won much-deserved praise for her performance as Anna. Peter Davison, in his first television role after Dr. Who, managed a splendid physical transformation, of which the Timelord himself would be proud. Emrys James impressed again as Anna's 'father', Ephraim, and Anton Lesser gave an agonised performance as the unfortunate Willie Price.

10:00 News in English

10:20 Feature Film

Fri. — June 3, 1988

8:30 Carol Burnett

9:10 Magnum — Solo Flight
Magnum's plane falls, his foot broken lies for many hours thinking of his past specially period of World War II.

10:00 News in English

10:20 Falcon Crest
Dance of Deception

11:10 Rich Man, Poor Man

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18:25 Family programme
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20:35 Arabic series
21:30 Local programme
22:10 Arabic play
23:00 News summary in Arabic
23:10 Play continued.

PROGRAMME TWO

18:00 Le chevalier de pardaillon (French series)
19:00 News in French
19:15 Un DB de plus
19:30 News in Hebrew
19:45 Space Science
20:00 News in Arabic
20:30 Mr. Belvedere
21:10 Saturday variety show
22:00 News in English
22:30 Feature film: "Murder by Death"

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His Majesty King Hussein and London Mayor Sir Greville Spratt pose for photographs at the Nadwa Palace Thursday. (Petra photo)

King, Queen receive London mayor

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor received at the Nadwa Palace Thursday visiting Mayor of London Sir Greville Spratt and Lady Spratt.

Spratt, who is on an official visit to Jordan at the invitation of the Greater Amman Municipality, expressed his admiration of Jordan's fast development in all fields.

He also paid tribute to King Hussein's efforts to promote development and progress for the Jordanian people.

Lawzi meets with Iraqi envoy

AMMAN (Petra) — Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi Thursday met with Iraqi Ambassador in Amman Ghafel Jassem Hussein and discussed with him existing brotherly relations between the two countries.

Lawzi voiced his pride in Iraq's victories and its liberation of the Fao peninsula and Al Shalameh area. He also paid tribute to the sacrifices of the Iraqi people and the army in defence of Iraq and the Arab nation.

Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi has received two cables of good wishes on the occasion of Independence Day from the speakers of the East German and Yugoslav parliaments.

In their cables, the speakers praised the existing relations between Jordan and their respective



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countries especially in the parliamentary field.

Lower House of Parliament Speaker Akel Al Fayez also received a similar cable of congratulation on the occasion of Independence Day from the speaker of the Tunisian Parliament Rashid Sfar.

In his cable, Sfar expressed his hope that bilateral relations would be further bolstered to serve common Arab issues.

Zawaideh inspects Dead Sea road project

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Public Works and Housing Shafiq Zawaideh Friday inspected progress of work at the Amman-Na'our-Dead Sea Road project.

The minister met with engineers and consultants supervising the construction of the project and discussed with them a number of technical and engineering issues related to the implementation of the project.

The project consists of four lanes with a total length of about 36 km.

The road, which starts from the Queen Alia International Airport, is part of the ministry plan to upgrade road network in the Kingdom.

The road will be used for transportation of agricultural products from the Jordan Valley and the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It will also facilitate the movement of travellers and trucks.

Tarawneh leaves for Geneva talks

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Civil Defence Department (CDD) Director General Khaled Tarawneh left Amman for Switzerland to take part in a meeting by an international organisation concerned with providing protection to civilians.

The two day meeting in Geneva will revise work in civil protection carried out in the past year and a working plan for the coming two years.

Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureikat is due to leave Amman Saturday for Geneva to head Jordan's delegation to the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) meeting which opens on June 1.

The minister will be accompanied by a delegation from his ministry, representatives from the Jordanian employers and the Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions.

Greater Amman to have central laboratory

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Work is underway for the establishment of a central laboratory for Greater Amman Municipality to carry out tests on water and food samples, and another laboratory for testing insects and their effects, according to Dr. Ragheb Kamal, director of the municipality's Laboratory Services Department.

Kamal said that his department was concerned with all issues related to drinking water and food consumed by the people in the capital.

All samples should be safe for human consumption and should conform to recognised specifications and standards, Kamal noted.

He said that all types of food and drinking water are continuously tested to ensure that they contain no contamination or germs that might cause any harm to people.

"Special attention is being given to drinking water to ensure it contains no chemicals or germs," Kamal noted.

The director of the municipality's agricultural unit Maha Haddadin said that her department was concerned with inspecting all water networks and water reservoirs.

"All efforts are being made to ensure that water reaching citizens in the capital is pure and potable and is odourless and free of all germs," Haddadin noted.

She said her department last year conducted laboratory tests on 3,460 samples of water taken from private or public-owned wells, water cisterns and reservoirs.

The municipality's endeavours coincide with efforts on the part of the Health and Water and Irrigation Ministries in providing potable and pure water for Amman citizens.

Water and Irrigation Minister Ahmad Dakhan last Tuesday said that the water supply to Amman and elsewhere in the Kingdom was free of any chemical or bacterial contamination.

He told a press conference that a recent six-day interruption of water supply to Marka and neighbouring areas east of Amman was due to technical faults in the water network in that district.

The interruption of water supply coincided with a number of diarrhoea cases in that area, a matter that prompted the ministry to conduct laboratory tests on water.

These tests, he said, proved that the water was quite pure and free of all contamination and that water pumped to the eastern districts of Amman had no relation whatsoever with the diarrhoea cases which appeared in these districts.

Ministry urges pilgrims to register

AMMAN (Petra) — Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry has called on all Muslims wishing to perform pilgrimage to Mecca this year to call at the authorised transport companies to register their names before next Wednesday, the deadline for registering people.

The ministry's Haj Department director said that the ministry has allowed privately-owned cars and pick-up vehicles to transport close relatives to Mecca and back.

AULT elects new board members

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The Arab Union of Land Transport (AULT) has concluded its general assembly-meetings in Amman by electing new members for the union's board to serve for the coming four years.

The board chairman is Aysar Saffi from Iraq who is assisted by a deputy and a secretary general from North Yemen and Jordan respectively.

The new board groups nine members representing land transport organisations in Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Tunisia, Palestine and Libya.

The general assembly meeting discussed a future plan for the union and endorsed a 1988 budget.



Her Majesty Queen Noor presents an award to a veteran nurse Thursday (right) Queen Noor attends the ceremony honouring veteran nurses (Petra Photos)

Jordan honours veteran nurses

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Kaplanian's watercolours are documentation of antiquities

By Salameh Boulos
Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN — The works of artist George Sarkis Kaplanian currently on show at the Goethe Institute can best be described as a modern attempt to emulate the works of European orientalist of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Naturally, only history may be the judge on the endurance of his work as well as that of other artists who presently document antiquities in this part of the world.

Kaplanian's watercolours of historic sites in Jordan, Palestine and Syria are more a documentation of antiquities and familiar old-city scenes rather than art works for art sake. His paintings depict sites such as the Amra Palace, citadels, the market scene in Salt and the Abu Jaher building.

The artist likes to see his work as "clear with classical purity in the line and movement." The

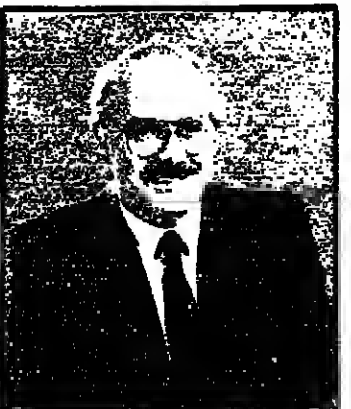
leaflet distributed at his exhibition says his colours "express the shades of the Middle East in their best natural setting, with bright sunlight set in contrast with deep shadows."

A consensus seems to have emerged among art collectors visiting his exhibition that the

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watercolours consisted mostly of scenes painted several times before and that these served as items representative of mainly the architecture in this part of the world. The paintings are perceived as combination of documentation and commercial art, stressed in the repetitive themes in the works.

Kaplanian's work, stretching since his first exhibition in 1964 until today, seems to be persistently revolving around the same style and technique with little change in content or vision.



George Kaplanian

His present work seems to be an extension of his 1981 exhibition at the British Council, where the theme is stressed.

Out of the 45 watercolours, some with China ink and charcoal, nearly half were sold on opening day Sunday at the Goethe Institute. The exhibition runs for five days.

"CONDOLENCE"

Family of Al Bunni and Arabi Katbi and Al Fakia and their relatives in Jordan, Syria, and abroad shocked of the untimely death of Rammzieh Moheey Al Deen Al Bunni

Mother of Dr. Hisham and Isam Al Fakia and Ghassan and Bassam Abdul Hamid Arabi Katbi who died in Damascus Monday evening, May 23, 1988, and laid to rest in Damascus Wednesday noon May 25, 1988.

Condolences will be accepted at her son's, Ghassan Arabi Katbi's residence, in Umm Uthainah behind the commercial market of Umm Uthainah - near the Umm Uthainah Pharmacy, Kanan Building - Saturday and Sunday on May 28-29, morning for ladies and afternoon for men.

3 more Palestinians turn martyrs

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Israeli authorities. He was not immediately available for comment on his future plans.

Muslim worshippers left prayers at Jerusalem's Haram Al Sharif peacefully Friday after demonstrations followed prayers in the last two weeks.

Demonstrations after prayers were reported in the town of Ramallah and surrounding refugee camps, as well as the Jabalya camp in the Gaza Strip.

On Thursday, police arrested 27 Palestinians after a Jewish student was stabbed in Jerusalem and said they were investigating a spate of brush fires possibly set by Palestinians.

The student suffered moderate wounds Thursday when he was stabbed in an alley of Jerusalem's

Old City where he lives and

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ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday's

Al Ra'i: Reagan's crusade

ON Sunday U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev met in yet another summit in Moscow where "nuclear armament" will be at the top of a list of subjects to be discussed. Reagan is expected also to defend human rights of Jews living in the Soviet Union which he gives priority to other issues of world concern. Reagan, in a statement before leaving Washington for Helsinki on his way to Moscow, expressed his deep pain to see the Berlin wall dividing the two Germanies but failed to mention anything at all about Jerusalem and Israeli terrorism exercised against the Arabs in that city. Neither did he express his support for the rights of the Arab people nor for their rights in their land and holy places in Jerusalem, and the human rights of the Palestinians which are day and night being violated by the Israeli occupation forces. Reagan chose to advocate the cause of the Soviet Jews who Israel claims are living under oppression, but did not mention anything about the Palestinian people who suffer under Israeli yoke and the atrocities committed by the Israeli soldiers in Arab towns and refugee camps. For this reason, the Arabs have cause to believe that the Palestine issue will barely receive any attention at the superpower summit in the Soviet capital.

Al Dustour: Israeli terrorism

ISRAEL'S new series of attacks on southern Lebanon reaffirm the fact that the Zionists are still adhering to their policy of terrorism in dealing with their neighbours and the Arabs under their rule. Israel, by launching these attacks, is proving to the world its evil nature and trying to impose its will on any Arab states that does not comply with its whims and desires. There is no doubt that the unlimited support and military help which Israel is getting from the United States remains the prime cause for such action and the main encouragement for the Israeli rulers to pursue their terrorist policies against the Arabs. The United States has been resorting to its right of veto to kill any condemnation by the U.N. Security Council of Israel's actions and inhuman practices and has been supporting Israel's aggression on the Arabs. At the same time, Washington has never expressed its condemnation of Israel's demolition of Arab homes and the killing of innocent Palestinian people. Israel's fresh attacks on Lebanon coincide with its stepped up atrocities inside the occupied Arab territories.

Sawt Al Shaab: Iraq thwarts Iranian dreams

IRAQ'S victories over the Iranian invaders constitute a clear indication of the end of Arab weakness in confronting their common enemies. The Iraqi might is thwarting all the dreams of the Iranian rulers to establish a Persian empire on Arab land; the stand of the Iraqi armed forces along the battlefield remains a source of pride for all Arabs. The Iraqis, through their victories over the invaders, are providing protection to the Arab order and defending the nation's interests. As we feel proud of the Iraqi people's endeavours we also feel proud of the Palestinian people's struggle against the Israeli enemy. We are proud of the uprising which is turning the Israeli power futile and proving to the world the evil nature of the Zionist state. The continuation of the uprising, coinciding with the Iraqi successes in the battlefield, are both good indications of the brighter future for the Arab people who aspire peace and an end to all external aggression.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Victorious Iraq calls for peace

THE Iraqi armed forces have achieved a great victory at the Shalamijeh region by defeating the Iranians east of Basra and liberating Iraqi territory. The liberation came shortly after the Iraqi forces liberated the Faw peninsula after two years of Iranian occupation. While Iraq is achieving these victories it is calling on Iran to make peace and end the war, and has organised an international conference on peace now being held in Baghdad. These victories and these developments at the Iraq-Iran front provide evidence that the retreat and recession of Arab force is now at an end, and indicate that the time has come for the Arab Nation to liberate all its occupied territories. Perhaps the uprising in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip, bears another indication that the weakness that has characterised the Arab World for so long has ended and that new endeavours and new strength has been infused in the nation enabling it to rise against the aggressors and liberate usurped lands. The call for peace in Iraq and Palestine is now taking a new dimension as it is supported by Arab power and by determination for achieving freedom and liberation. It is time for Iran and Israel to realise the truth about the situation in the region and to accept U.N. Resolutions for peace.

Al Dustour: Eye-opener for Iranians

FOR the second time in five weeks the Iraqi armed forces achieved a great victory over the Iranians, driving them away from Arab land. The Iraqis have dealt a severe blow to the Iranians east of Basra killing many of their troops and evicting them from Iraqi territory. The new victory proves once again the Iraqi armed forces might in confronting aggression and the Iraqi people's determination and will to thwart the ambitions of the Iranian rulers. The Iranian defeat in battles along the front, at sea and in the air proves the heavy burden on the Iranian people and the total isolation they are feeling now within the international community for their intransigence and their rejection of peace. The new defeat will no doubt open the Iranian people's eyes on new facts and will prove to them that there can be no way to end the war except through peaceful negotiations. We all hope that the new defeats for Iran will serve as a lesson for the Tehran regime and make them more prepared to accept peaceful co-existence with their neighbours. We salute the Iraqi armed forces and feel with confidence that they will come out victorious in the end.

Palestinians killed by Israeli occupation forces, settlers and civilians during the uprising

Editor's note: The Palestinian Human Rights Information Centre (PHRIC) in Jerusalem has been publishing an "uprising update", which aims to clarify the existing human rights situation as it develops in the occupied territories, as the uprising enters its sixth month. The information bulletin is distributed in cooperation with the Database Project on Palestinian Human Rights, whose international office is in Chicago. These updates will be published in the Jordan Times as they are received. Included in these information bulletins are lists of those killed during the

uprising, as confirmed by the International Committee of the Red Cross, lists of detainees, and updated human rights reports as they develop. While some sources and background material is publicly available, most of the information comes from first hand reports, fieldworker visits to hospitals, refugee camps, towns and villages, and from working relationships between the PHRIC and other institutions in the occupied territories. The material is collected and verified in Jerusalem and sent to Chicago, where the updates are produced and distributed internationally.

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December 9, 1987, through May 14, 1988

TOTAL DEATHS TO DATE: 250

Deaths From Gunfire To Date: 175

Deaths From Other Causes To Date: 75

Deaths from Gunfire

DATE	NAME, AGE	RESIDENCE	BY	CONTEXT
175 5/13	Muhib Zeid Mahmud Abu Zeid, 30	Kabarya, JENIN	M	Shot in raid on home
174 5/12	Abdul Raja Ayyub, 21	Ta'anari, BETHLEHEM	M	Shot in spine 3/30
173 5/9	Ibrahim Muhammad Hussein, 34	Deheishe Ref Camp, BETH	M	Shot in head
172 5/5	Juda Abdalla Awad Shatir, 28	Turnos Ayyeh, RAMALLAH	S	Shot in head (See 5/14 Update)
171 5/4	Rizak Hussein Sabah, 17	Jabalya Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot in head
170 5/4	Jamal Mahmud al-Madhum, 20	Jabalya Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot in neck
169 5/3	Nidal Salem Balin Manasra, 19	Bani Na'im, NABLUS	M	Shot in head
168 5/3	Omar Abdul Hamid Manasra, 18	Bani Na'im, NABLUS	M	Shot in head
167 5/3	Khaled Rafiq Khader Amira, 23	Balata Ref Camp, NABLUS	M	Shot through arms and body
166 5/2	Hassan Abdul al-Buhi, 80	Ein Beit al-Mas, NABLUS	M	Shot 5/1 both legs
165 5/1	Na'im Yusuf Abu Farha, 22	Fakru'a, JENIN	M	Shot
164 5/28	Sari Hilal, 38	Kufr Malek, RAMALLAH	M	Shot in neck
163 5/28	Anis Hassan al-Deik, 14	Kufr Deik, TULKARM	M	Shot by sniper
162 5/24	Arafat Salem Amer, 25	Kufr Rush a-Tahia, HEBRON	M	Shot in neck and back (3 bullet)
161 5/23	Moh'd Ibrahim Abu Zeid, 17	Kabarya, JENIN	M	Shot in back
160 5/22	Faraj Ismail Faraj Allah, 25	Ithya, HEBRON	M	Shot
159 5/22	Muhammad Fayez Abu Ali, 25	Bani Suheila, GAZA	M	Shot
158 5/20	Muhammad Hassan Nasser, 20	Nusseirat Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot several times
157 5/19	Nazar Moh'd Ahmad Massad, 26	Fakru'a, JENIN	M	Shot in chest
156 5/18	Ayda Othman Totah, 30	Zeitoun, GAZA	M	Shot after houses demolished
155 5/18	Ahmad Musa Moh'd Zarub, 20	Rafah, GAZA	M	Shot in chest
154 5/17	Farid Ahmad Abu Daras, 25	Rafah, GAZA	M	Shot in back
153 5/17	Iman Omar Abu Kamar	Khan Yunis, GAZA	M	Shot
152 5/17	Zeid Tawfiq Amareh, 14	Khan Yunis, GAZA	M	Shot in head
151 5/17	Monir Ismail al-Tatari, 32	Jabalya Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot 4/16
150 5/16	Hala Awad al-Amiri, 20	Habla, TULKARM	M	Shot
149 5/16	Muhie Ekmali, 20	Kabarya, JENIN	M	Shot
148 5/16	Hilme Ibrahim Abdallah, 23	JENIN	M	Shot
147 5/16	Faadah Karawi, 20	Jenin Ref Camp, JENIN	M	Shot
146 5/16	Fikri Ibrahim al-Daghami, 22	Abasan, GAZA	M	Shot
145 5/16	Abdul Muhsein Hanun, 19	Khan Yunis, GAZA	M	Shot
144 5/16	Bassam al-Hariri, 25	Jenin Ref Camp, JENIN	M	Shot
143 5/16	Ayman Abu Ammer, 22	Rafah, GAZA	M	Shot
142 5/16	Atwa Abu Shatir, 17	Rafah, GAZA	M	Shot
141 5/16	Taysser al-Bogel, 17	Rafah, GAZA	M	Shot
140 5/16	Jamal Hussein Shehadeh, 17	Brej, GAZA	M	Shot
139 5/14	Nasser Hamad al-Lidawi, 22	NABLUS	M	Shot at al-Asmar funeral
138 5/14	Wael Hassan al-Asmar, 25	NABLUS	M	Shot in heart
137 5/11	Fouad Aziz, 21	Kufr Ra'a, JENIN	M	Shot in head and leg
136 5/11	Moh'd Abdul Khader Yahia, 20	Kufr Ra'a, JENIN	M	Shot in chest
135 5/11	Jalal Muhammad Milhem, 21	Kufr Ra'a, JENIN	M	Shot in chest
134 5/8	Yusef Rabi, 85	Deir Abu Mish'al, RMLH	M	Shot in stomach (husb. Wajitah)
133 5/7	Ossam Abdal Halim, 15	Beita, NABLUS	M	Shot (See Beit Report)
132 5/6	Hatem Fayez Ahmad al-Jabber, 19	Beita, NABLUS	S	Shot in head (See Report)
131 5/6	Musa Daoud Bani Shamsa, 20	Beita, NABLUS	S	Shot in head (See Report)
130 5/4	Hameez Ibrahim Abu Shah, 20	Bani Suheila, GAZA	M	Shot in stomach 3/30
129 5/4	Hamed Abdul Muhdi Ze'at, 20	Bani Na'im, HEBRON	M	Shot
128 5/2	Ali Diab Abu Ali, 40	Yatta, HEBRON	M	Shot in neck 3/30
127 5/2	Ala' Ahmad Kurdi, 21	Sabra, GAZA	S	Shot
126 5/2	Ahmad Khamis Kurdi, 45	Sabra, GAZA	S	Shot
125 5/2	Jamil Rashed Kurdi, 55	Sabra, GAZA	S	Shot
124 5/2	Khamis Mahmud Ahmad, 41	Deir Suzein, RAMALLAH	M	Shot
123 5/2	Jihad Mahmud 'Asl, 16	Beit Leqiyah, RAMALLAH	M	Shot in stomach
122 5/2	Salim Khaled Shatir, 23	BETHLEHEM	M	Shot in head
121 5/1	Ishaq Nimier Sleim, 18	Ithya, HEBRON	M	Shot
120 5/1	Jamal Khalil Tinezi, 20	Ithya, HEBRON	M	Shot in chest
119 5/31	Moh'd Fares Moh'd Zibca, 25	Yamoun, JENIN	M	Shot 3/30
118 5/31	Sleiman Ahmad Awad Junai, 18	Yatta, HEBRON	M	Shot in stomach
117 5/30	Hassan Muhammad Shaban, 24	JENIN	M	Shot in chest
116 5/30	Abdul Karim Moh'd Hishala, 25	Shuyukh, HEBRON	M	Shot in chest
115 5/30	Khaled Aref Qassem Salah, 22	Burka, NABLUS	M	Shot in chest
114 5/30	Shaker Ali Moh'd Malassa, 26	Deir Bze', RAMALLAH	M	Shot in heart by sniper
113 5/30	Wajiba Yusuf Rabi, 55	Deir Abu Mish'al, RMLH	M	Shot in leg, then neck
112 5/28	Hussein Kamel Odeh, 19	Salif, NABLUS	M	Shot 3/27
111 5/27	Yasser Ibrahim Khirbawi, 15	Salif, NABLUS	M	Shot in chest
110 5/27	Fahim Daoud Ne'raf, 27	Maythalaun, JENIN	M	Shot in chest
109 5/27	Omar Hamad Raba'ah, 23	Maythalaun, JENIN	M	Shot in chest
108 5/27	Ghassan Awad Ne'raf, 17	Maythalaun, JENIN	M	Shot in neck
107 5/26	Awad Qassem Ibrahim, 30	Kufr Thaleth, TULKARM	M	Shot in chest
106 5/26	Majed Hussein Dheib, 19	Kufr Thaleth, TULKARM	M	Shot in heart
105 5/26	Ayad Turki Salah (Khalil), 21	Zawateh, NABLUS	M	Shot in heart 3/25
104 5/25	Khaled Hassan Muakattam, 18	Tarkumia, HEBRON	M	Shot in liver
103 5/25	Walid Abdul Fatah Fatah, 18	Tarkumia, HEBRON	M	Shot in chest
102 5/24	Muhammad Ali Abu Zar, 20	Balata Ref Camp, NABLUS	M	Shot in chest
101 5/24	Majed Sawalha, 21	Balata Ref Camp, NABLUS	M	Shot in chest (2 bullets)
100 5/21	Hikmat Daraghme, 26	Toukas, JENIN	M	Shot
99 5/21	Abdel Ahmed Jaber, 19	Rafah Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot in chest
98 5/20	Khaled Muhammad Taher, 29	Nazlit Issa, TULKARM	M	Shot 3/14
97 5/20	Namiek Hadj Hussein Milhem, 30	Kufr Dan, JENIN	M	Shot in head
96 3/18	Hani Ibrahim Abu Hammam, 23	Shatir Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot in liver
95 3/18	Moh'd Makhdum Khaled, 19	Ein Beit al-Mas', NABLUS	M	Shot in thigh
94 3/17	Sabri Abu Sharar, 25	Khan Yunis, GAZA	M	Shot in heart
93 3/16	Hassan Daoud Aloush, 23	Najit al-Issa, TULKARM	M	Shot in neck
92 3/16	Asrar Mahmud Ibrahim, 22	Nur Shams Ref Camp, TLKRM	M	Shot
91 3/16	Omar Yassin Hamasheh, 25	Yaboud, JENIN	M	Shot in chest
90 3/15	Arifa Abdul Aziz Hweith, 22	Ein Yabrud, RAMALLAH	M	Shot in Deir Jarir demo
89 3/15	Alam Sa'id Sadeka (Nasrallah), 17	Anza, JENIN	M	Shot in stomach
88 3/13	Yusef Ibrahim Abu Ayad, 22	Bidda, RAMALLAH	M	Shot 3/9
87 3/9	Moh'd Othman Fares Hamad, 17	Sivand, RAMALLAH	M	Shot in mouth
86 3/9	Najeh Hassan Hijaz, 18	Turnos Ayyeh, RAMALLAH	S	Shot in head
85 3/9	Bassam Ibrahim Badarin, 18	Samou', HEBRON	M	Shot in heart
84 3/8	Khaled Muhammad Hamide, 35	Mazraa Shariyeh, RMLH	S	Shot
83 3/6	Eymen Salim Aujak, 18	Mazraa Shariyeh, RMLH	M	Shot in chest
82 3/6	Khaled Ibrahim al-Ardah, 18	Askar Ref Camp, NABLUS	M	Shot in head
81 3/6	Moh'd Muna'im Sa'afin, 22	Brej Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot 3/4
80 3/5	Mahel Musab al-Waridat, 27	Dhakariyeh, HEBRON	M	Shot in chest
79 3/5	Rasem Khaderirat Altel, 31	Dhakariyeh, HEBRON	M	Shot in back
78 3/4	Baker Latif Shiboni, 14	Arabe, JENIN	M	Shot in stomach
77 3/4	Moh'd Ahmad Hussein Salah, 18	Khader, BETHLEHEM	M	Shot in stomach
76 2/29	Yasser Daoud Abdul Jabbar Abd, 17	Burein, NABLUS	M	Shot in neck
75 2/29	Ahmad Moh'd Diab Bitawi, 30	Jenin Ref Camp, JENIN	M	Shot in head 2/25
74 2/27	Raed Mahmud Awd Barghouti, 17	Aboud, RAMALLAH	S	Found dead next am
73 2/27	Ahmad Ibrahim Mustafa Barghouti, 21	Aboud, RAMALLAH	S	Shot in porch of home
72 2/27	Nihad Abdul Ghaffar Khmour, 20	Arroub Ref Camp, HEBRON	M	Demonstration
71 2/27	Majid Moh'd al-Atrash, 17	Halhoul, HEBRON	M	Shot in stomach
70 2/27	Baker Abdallah Bo, 17	Halhoul, HEBRON	M	Demonstration
69 2/26	Eyad al-Ashgar, 12	Jabalya Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot in head
68 2/26	Hassam Moh'd Abu Kheiran, 22	Arroub, HEBRON	M	Shot in face
67 2/26	Rashida Musleh Daraghme, 60	Tubas, JENIN	M	Shot in leg
66 2/26	Fouad Ayub Sharawi, 47	Tubas, JENIN	M	Shot in head
65 2/25	Samir Ghaleb al-Daye, 17	NABLUS	M	Shot in chest
64 2/25	Issam Saed Abu Khalifa, 18	NABLUS	M	Shot in chest
63 2/24	Moh'd Qassem Abu Zeid, 4	Jenin Ref Camp, JENIN	M	Shot by collaborator
62 2/23	Mahmoud Nauman Hoshiyeh, 13	al-Yamoun, JENIN	M	Army entered village am
61 2/22	Rawda Abdulatif Najib, 13	Baka Shariyeh, TULKARM	S	Shot at gate to home
60 2/21	Ragheb Abu Amara, 20	NABLUS	M	Shot in heart
59 2/21	Kamil Moh'd Sulman Darwish, 23	Deir Ammar, RAMALLAH	S	Sniper bullet in heart
58 2/20	Nasrallah Abdolqr Nasrallah, 12	Tulkarm Ref Camp, TLKRM	M	Shot during curfew
57 2/20	Abdallah Abu Ayya, 20	Beit Lehiya, RAMALLAH	M	Shot in head
56 2/17	Isma'il Habala Mashni, 22	Shuyukh, HEBRON	M	Demonstration
55 2/12	Basel Tayyar al-Jinan, 14	NABLUS	M	Shot in march from mosque
54 2/12	Rasem Ahmad al-Masri, 17	NABLUS	M	Shot in march from mosque
53 2/11	Ahmad Abu Sabli, 37	Tikra Ref Camp, TULKARM	M	Shot on street
52 2/10	Enad Hamaleh, 20	Maghazi Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Shot in neck 1/5
51 2/9	Nabil Abu Khalil, 16	Adi, TULKARM	M	Shot 2/8: body found 2/9
50 2/8	Abdul Bassat Juma, 25	Kaddun, NABLUS	S	At entrance in village
49 3/7	Tysir Abdallah Awad, 18	Beit Ummar, HEBRON	M	Demonstration
48 3/7	Moh'd Ibrahim Shweitha Adi, 25	Beit Ummar, HEBRON	M	Demonstration
47 3/7	Imad Khader al-Sabarnah, 22	Beit Ummar, HEBRON	M	Demonstration
46 3/6	Asma Muhammad Sharif, 18	Arroub Ref Camp, HEBRON	M	Shot in her home
45 3/6	Thamer Jalal Disuqi, 10	Burka, NABLUS	M	Shot in house 2/4
44 3/3	Ibrahim Mansour, 26	Burka, NABLUS	M	Demonstration
43 3/3	Asma Ibrahim Sababa, 25	Anabta, TULKARM	M	Demonstration (7/21)
42 3/1	Murad Bassem Hamdallah, 17	Anabta, TULKARM	M	Demonstration
41 3/1	Muhyiyad Shatir, 21	Anabta, TULKARM	M	Demonstration
40 1/15	Mahmud al-Qeissi, 19	Jenin Ref Camp, JENIN	M	Demonstration
39 1/14	Yusef Amrawi, 24	Jenin Ref Camp, JENIN	M	Demonstration
38 1/14	Bassem Faisal Suwafa, 18	Tubas, JENIN	M	Demonstration
37 1/13	Nazek Ahmad Suwafa, 17	Tubas, JENIN	M	Demonstration
36 1/12	Rabah Ghannam Hamed, 17	Beitin, RAMALLAH	S	Shot by mayor of Jewish settlement
35 1/11	Aia Mustafa Khader, 25	Khan Yunis, GAZA	M	Demonstration
34 1/11	Bassel Yazuri, 23	Rafah Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Demonstration (shot 1/10)
33 1/11	Muhammad Fayad, 20	Khan Yunis, GAZA	M	Demonstration (shot 12/16)
32 1/10	Naji Hassan Ali (Kamil), 43	Kabarya, JENIN	M	Beaten/shot (left home 12/31)
31 1/10	Ismail Khalil Abu Luli, 54	Rafah, GAZA	M	Demonstration (shot 12/22)
30 1/10	Touqan Mubeh, 32	al-Sheja'a Quarter, GAZA	S	Standing by his shop
29 1/09	Bassam Khader Musalem, 27	Bani Suheila, GAZA	M	Demonstration
28 1/08	Khaled al-Awadi, 22	Brej Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Demonstration
27 1/07	Mazen Ismail Musalam, 17	Maghazi Ref Camp, GAZA	S	Crushed by Army Transport
26 1/06	Taleb Abu Zeid, 46+	Maghazi Ref Camp, GAZA	S	Crushed by Army Transport
25 1/05	Issam Hamdani, 29+	Jabalya Ref Camp, GAZA	S	Crushed by Army Transport

Deaths from Other Causes

75 5/4

Khaled Hussein al-Najjar, 52

Shatir Ref Camp, GAZA

M

Tear Gas

74 5/4

Muhammad Samhan, 52

Ras Karara, RAMALLAH

M

Tear Gas 4/23

73 5/4

Na'ima Abdul Aziz Adi, 55

Beit Ummar, HEBRON

M

Tear Gas

72 5/23

Moh'd Musa Moh'd Hamad, 30

Silwad, RAMALLAH

M

Tear Gas in prison cell

71 5/20

Ismail Abu Sheikh, 48

KALKILYA

M

Tear Gas in home

70 4/17

Jamal Hussein al-Qam, 1 week

Shufat Ref Camp, JRLSM

M

Tear Gas

69 4/15

Badriyeh Sader Shateen, 55

NABLUS

M

Brain hemorrhage (See 4/20 Update)

68 4/13

Wafiq Faraj Allah, 70

Jabalya Ref Camp, GAZA

M

Tear Gas

67 4/12

Susud Ahmed Yusuf, 90

Zaitoun, GAZA

M

Beating

66 4/12

Hassan Mahmud Qasoud, 21

Shatir Ref Camp, GAZA

M

Tear Gas (hit with cannister 4/11)

65 4/11

Ibrahim Mahmud Ras Zeid, 28

QALQILYA

M

Died in prison (See 4/20 Update)

64 4/9

Sabhiya Rashid al-Mankushi, 55

Shatir Ref Camp, GAZA

M

Tear Gas 4/8 (beaten cloud)

63 4/9

Khalil Khazrawi, 18

Askar Ref Camp, NABLUS

M

Electrocuted

62 4/2

Hamad Abdul Asmadi, 20 days

Kabarya, JENIN

M

Tear Gas 3/21

61 3/29

Sherin Ali al-Minyarawi, 1 1/2 mos

Rafah Ref Camp, GAZA

M

Tear Gas 3/28

60 3/27

Na'im Id

GAZA

S

Hit by truck

59 3/27

Fayez Abu Shamaleh, 28

GAZA

S

Hit by truck

58 3/27

Abdul Rubi Abu Shamaleh, 30

GAZA

S

Hit by truck

57 3/27

Abdul Nasser Abu Shamaleh, 24

GAZA

S

Hit by truck

56 3/26

Nabila Ali Yajzi, 30

Sheikh Radwan, GAZA

M

Tear Gas 3/24

55 3/23

Musafa Omar, 60

Shatir Ref Camp, GAZA

M

Tear Gas 3/18 (assaulted)

54 3/21

Ali' Amir Abu Shurife, 4 mos.

Shatir Ref Camp, GAZA

M

Tear Gas

53 3/21

Omar Hassan Abu Marabih, 27

Beit Lehiya, GAZA

M

Body found, head beaten

52 3/21

Hussein Fares Iqbal, 70

Kabarya, TULKARM

M

Tear Gas

51 3/19

Moh'd Abdul Rahman Hamed, 24

Silwad, RAMALLAH

M

Beaten 2/4

50 3/19

Ula Abu Sharifa, 5 mos

GAZA

M

Tear Gas

49 3/18

Ali Muhammad Abu Hajjar, 70

Jabalya Ref Camp, GAZA

M

Tear Gas

48 3/17	Juma' Ibrahim al-Tukhi, 55	al-Amari Ref Camp, RMLH	M	Tear Gas 3/16
47 3/16	Rana Awad, 13	Birch, RAMALLAH	M	See 3/20 Update
46 3/16	Salim al-Yahia, 63	Tulkarm Ref Camp, TLKRM	M	Tear Gas
45 3/15	Salah al-Azaz, 22	Rafah Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Heart attack 3/14
44 3/15	Muhammad Sukaif, 4	Sheja'a, GAZA	M	Burned (See 3/20 Update)
43 3/13	Yahia Khamis al-Moghrabi, 2 mos.			

Zeitoun Qr, GAZA

M

Tear Gas 2/13

42 3/9

Sanaar Samir Ebid, 40

Khan Yunis Ref Camp, GAZA

M

Tear Gas

41 3/8	Khaled Mutasil Hawajreh, 2 1/2 mos.	Brej Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Tear Gas
40 3/8	Yusef Hassana, 3 mos.	Deir Balah Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Tear Gas
39 3/8	Shereen Munem Elayan, 4 mos.	Deir Balah Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Tear Gas
38 3/7	Salah Eddin al-Nakeeb, 33	Askar Ref Camp, NABLUS	M	Tear Gas
37 3/3	Khalim Sabri Aarun, 10	Rafah, GAZA	M	Tear Gas (school)
36 3/2	Saleiman Abdul Ghannu Taher, 27	Rafah, GAZA	M	Tear Gas (cannister?)
35 3/27	Amwar Ashatari, 27	Birah, RAMALLAH	M	Beaten (See 3/20 Update)
34 2/26	Fouad Shazrawi, 48	Beit Ummar, HEBRON	M	Tear Gas
33 2/25	Yusef Tawfiq Zaid al-Kilani, 21	Yaboud, JENIN	M	Beaten (See 3/3 Update)
32 2/21	Ramin Yusuf Sfar, 3 mos.	Rafah, GAZA	M	Tear Gas
31 2/21	Ahmed Sadek Abu Salheia, 55	NABLUS	M	Tear Gas
30 2/17	Rasem Mahmud Adwan, 3 mos.	Rafah Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Tear Gas
29 2/14	Muhammad Mahmud al-Ra'i, 62	Gaza City, GAZA	M	Tear Gas 2/13
28 2/9	Khader Elias Tarazi, 19	Gaza City, GAZA	M	Beaten (See 2/17 Update)
27 2/8	Iyad Muhammad Akel, 15	Brej Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Beaten (taken from home)
26 2/7	Rami Alkoui, 15	Deir Balah Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Head wound, beaten 2/6
25 2/4	Muhammad Mahmud Badran, 34	Jabalya Ref Camp, GAZA	M	Head wound, beaten 12/9
24 2/1	Abd Yusuf Salabah, 70	Suwani, JERUSALEM	M	

Tear Gas 1/23

23 1/30

Muhammad Makhdum Iheid, 28

Ram, JERUSALEM

M

Beaten

22 1/24

Fatneh Sulaiman, 53

Balata Ref Camp, NABLUS

M

Shot 1/23

21 1/16

Amna Darwish, 72

Gaza City, GAZA

M

Tear Gas

20 1/16

Haytam Shadrin, 7 mos.

QALQILYA

M

Tear Gas

19 1/16

Abdul Fatah Mousawi, 2 mos.

QALQILYA

M

Tear Gas

18 1/14

Khaled Moh'd Shahrin, 75 days

Gaza City, GAZA

M

Tear Gas

17 1/14

Imad Hamdi Abu Asi, 15 days

Gaza City, GAZA

M

Tear Gas

16 1/13

Fayruz Ahmed Shobaki, 11

Deir Amr Ref Camp, RMLH

M

Tear Gas

15 1/12

Samir Ali Jumaa, < 1 year

Deir Amr Ref Camp, RMLH

M

Tear Gas 1/12

ILO voices concern over Gaza

GENEVA (R) — An International Labour Organisation (ILO) committee has expressed concern at physical harassment and threats against trade unionists in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip.

The Committee on Freedom of Association, in a report to the organisation's governing body published Friday, noted that according to Israel's reply to a complaint about the matter, no charges had been made against any of the men.

The governing body, in its recommendations, said that "the apprehension and systematic or arbitrary interrogation by the police of trade union leaders involves a danger of abuse."

The complaint was submitted by the Gaza Building Workers' and Carpenters' Union and the Gaza Commercial and Public Services Workers' Union, which reported violations of trade union rights in the Gaza Strip.

They said the unions there had been inactive since 1967 as the occupation authorities continually restricted their activities.

The complaint, submitted July 23 last year, said that June 2 an officer known to them as "Colonel Rubin" and other soldiers stormed the headquarters of the union, ordering unionists to freeze and to present their identity cards.

One of the union members, Hussein Abu Nar, was summoned to the military government headquarters and forced to wait in the hot sun from early morning to two p.m., when he was told to return the next day.

The following day, after another eight-hour wait, he was given a written order by the military governor preventing him from practising any union activities. Other unionists were also interrogated.

In its reply to the ILO, the Israeli authorities said they recog-

nised freedom of association and whenever any steps had been taken against trade unions this was because of "terrorist" acts, subversion or other "illegal" activities.

It said the workers' association in Gaza had since 1984 become a focus of activity for "terrorist" organisations and the executive council of the unions, which filed the complaint included at least seven persons earlier convicted of felonies.

The ILO committee noted that the military court judgments cited by the government dated back in some cases to the early 1970s and prison sentences that were given had been served.

The governing body, in its conclusions, said the practice of giving a broad interpretation to legislation on trade union elections so as to deprive certain persons of the right to hold elected posts was not consistent with freedom of association.

Lebanon lodges complaint over Israel's expulsions

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Lebanon has complained that Israel had expelled 17 inhabitants from a village inside Israel's self-declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon and called on the United Nations to secure their return.

In a letter to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, released Thursday, Lebanese charge d'affaires Chawki Choueri said the 17 were expelled Tuesday from Chabaa, in the southern Bekaa region.

He said they had committed no crime that would justify such action "other than their refusal to comply with pressure from the occupation forces to establish a local civilian administration which would be subject to and would collaborate with the occupying power."

Choueri, who did not say

where the expelled were now, said they included the village's religious and civic leaders, three headmasters, a teacher, an official in charge of the centre for social affairs, and other civil servants.

He told the secretary general: "In condemning and deploring this dangerous action, the government of Lebanon requests that you intervene, rapidly and effectively, for the return of the deportees to their village, in order to prevent the establishment of new precedents for Israeli practices in Lebanese territory, and that you call upon Israel to comply in full with the Geneva Conventions, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949."

The fourth convention deals with the treatment of civilians in time of war.

Senegalese cleric says he negotiated hostage release

DAKAR (R) — The spiritual leader of Senegal's Lebanese community said Thursday he negotiated the release of three French hostages in Beirut earlier this month.

"It is true. I am the one who negotiated their release," Sheikh Abdul Monem Al Zein told Reuters in an interview.

He said it took 18 days of bargaining and six trips to the Lebanese capital to win the freedom May 4 of the three Frenchmen.

"They were direct negotiations — and the only direct negotiations — with the kidnappers," Zein said.

Zein, whose role in the hostage drama was revealed by the Beirut newspaper Al Safir, said he was in the car with the three blindfolded Frenchmen when they were delivered to the Beirut hotel where they were freed.

The hostages, Jean Paul Kauff-

man, Marcel Carton and Marcel Fontaine, were met by top French officials, including an Interior Ministry representative, and were later flown to France.

Zein said the negotiations went

on day and night for 18 days. At 2 a.m. May 4, he was told he could pick up the hostages and escort them to freedom.

"At the same time, I called Paris and asked that an airplane be sent," he said.

Zein declined to identify the French authorities with whom he was in touch during the negotiations nor would he divulge any of the conditions of the hostages' release.

He did say, however, that an Iranian representative, whom he did not identify, was present in Beirut during the negotiations.

Zein, 43, and a Senegalese national, said that he also had a role in the release last December of two other French hostages, Jean-Louis Normandin and Roger Hauque.

"There was nothing political about my actions," he said. "I did it purely for humanitarian reasons and at the request of my president."

He added that he was willing to undertake the role of shuttle negotiator again "if my president (Senegalese leader Abdou Diouf) asks me to."

U.N. commander rejects Turkish Cypriot charges

NICOSIA (Cyprus) — The commander of the U.N. peacekeeping force in Cyprus defended himself Thursday against criticism over the killing of a Turkish Cypriot by an officer under his command.

Major General Guenther Greindl said he was confident an inquiry into the May 21 killing of farmer Moustafa Hussein Kaffa would show he and the U.N. force acted impartially and within its mandate.

Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş said Greindl was responsible for what he called the murder of Kaffa after persistent U.N. persecution of the man.

"I consider the charges made against UNFICYP (U.N. Force in Cyprus) generally and me personally are totally unjustified," Greindl said. "Accusations of such a serious nature are a matter of concern."

"I personally believe that both the force and I have always acted impartially and within the mandate of the Security Council and the UNFICYP guidelines," he said in a statement.

Greindl added that he looked

forward with confidence to the results of an inquiry into the shooting by a board which will report to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Kaffa was killed at Pyla in the U.N. patrolled no-man's land between Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot lines.

The U.N. force said Kaffa was a known troublemaker who was shot in self-defence after he opened fire on and seriously wounded an Austrian lieutenant who had gone to question him.

Another Austrian soldier was later shot and wounded in north Cyprus. Police arrested Kaffa's son and son-in-law for that attack.

After the shooting of the second Austrian soldier by two of Kaffa's relatives the 300 troops of the Austrian contingent were ordered to remain inside their base, Camp Leopold, near the east coast port city of Famagusta.

The families of 30 Austrian soldiers also living in Famagusta have been evacuated to the Greek Cypriot side of the island for security reasons.

Moscow: Ties with Israel depend on peace conference

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — The Soviet Union will resume diplomatic ties with Israel as soon as an international Middle East peace conference is agreed upon, the Israeli daily newspaper Davar Friday quoted a Soviet official as saying.

Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky told Davar's special correspondent in Moscow: "The subject of diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Israel is simple now: The sooner we decide on convening an international conference, just as soon diplomatic relations between the two countries will be renewed."

The Soviet Union severed ties with the Zionist state following the 1967 war and has renewed low-level contacts in the past year.

Davar quoted Petrovsky as saying he hoped the Soviet and U.S. leaders would make progress on the Middle East issue at their Moscow summit meeting starting Sunday.

Both parties favour an international peace conference including the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council but differ on the powers of the conference to impose a solution.

Petrovsky was quoted as saying: "The conference is not an object in and of itself, but an important element that can give a framework to start a process towards comprehensive peace and the solution of all problems."

"There is now an international consensus not only on the need for a settlement but on an international conference," he said.

Israel has recently reached an agreement with the Soviet Union to send an Israeli consular delegation to Moscow for the first time in 21 years, according to the foreign ministry.

A source in the ministry told the AP the Israeli diplomats could live for the Soviet Union as early as next week.

Agreement for the visas came 10 months after Soviet consular officials began operating from the Finnish embassy in Tel Aviv, in what is seen as part of an ongoing Soviet effort to gain a role in Middle East peace negotiations.

Israeli leaders say the Soviets must first renew diplomatic ties and grant more exit visas for Jews wishing to leave the Soviet Union.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Thursday on Israel Radio that the granting of visas for six Israeli diplomats "should not be viewed as a change, and certainly not as a fundamental, substantive change in Soviet policy towards Israel and the Jewish people."

A foreign ministry official said Friday the Soviet Union had told Israel it no longer demands creation of an independent Palestinian state as part of an overall settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"They told us an independent Palestinian state is no longer their preferred option. They speak of federation (with Jordan)," said the official reporting on contacts between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and his aides with Soviet officials in Madrid, Washington and Geneva this month.

"They have not written off a Palestinian state but they are not advocating it as the exclusive solution as in the past," added the official who asked not to be named.

"They said they would not be surprised if the other (Arab) parties decided against it (a Palestinian state)," said the official who spoke at a special briefing for foreign reporters.

In another development, an Israeli spokesman said Thursday, the Soviet Union had agreed to collaborate with a team of Western scholars headed by an Israeli rabbi in researching the Soviet collections of Judaica.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz would be also allowed to open an institute in the Soviet Union to train Jewish scholars and religious leaders.

Labour chooses 'doves' as candidates

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — The Israeli Labour Party has signalled a shift to the left as it chose 29 of its candidates for the upcoming general elections in an unprecedented vote by its central committee.

At least 11 of the candidates chosen Thursday by the 1,267-member committee are known for their left-wing views, and 16 will be running for the Knesset for the first time.

Left-wing delegates included Ora Namir and Lova Eliav, the committee's first two choices. Avraham Burg, an activist in the Peace Now Movement; Yossi Beilin, party leader Shimon Peres' closest aide; and Ephraim Singer, leader of the party's young guard.

The committee also elected two Arab candidates, including a woman, as well as a member of the Druze community.

In the current Labour parliamentary delegation, most members are more centrist in their views.

The delegates named Thursday join 23 others chosen earlier by party district committees. Nine senior party leaders, including Peres and Defence Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin, did not face election. In the past, the candidates were chosen by a small committee of power brokers and rubber stamped by the central committee.

Israelis vote for parties, not individual candidates. Each party sends a number of delegates to the 120-seat parliament proportionate to the number of votes it has received, beginning with the first candidate on its list.

Labour will run 61 active candidates, a hoped-for majority, along with a number of "honorary" hopefuls chosen from the party faithful. But recent polls show the party winning about 40 seats in the elections scheduled Nov. 1.

The prominence of "doves" on the Labour list could prove an election obstacle, political sources quoted by Reuters said. Opinion polls have shown voters moving steadily to the right in reaction to the five-month uprising by Palestinians in the occupied territories.

But Labour spokeswoman Michal Cohen said hardliners such as Rabin would also be placed high on the party's election list.

Eliav, 66, tried during his time outside the Labour Party to open talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). His efforts ended when his main contact, Dr. Issam Sartawi, was shot dead in Lisbon.

Eliav was voted in as candidate by more than 75 per cent of the 1,267 central committee members meeting outside Tel Aviv throughout Thursday. He appeared sure of a safe spot on the party slate, political sources said.

Several serving Knesset (parliament) members failed to be voted in again by the central committee and some, like hawkish ex-diplomat Simcha Diniz, declined to run.

Veteran politician Abba Eban, noted for moderate positions, just narrowly managed to be voted in as a candidate but with so few votes he may not get a safe place on the party list, the sources said.

Labour's main rivals, the right-wing Likud Bloc, choose their candidates in a few weeks time. The two parties are sharing power in an uneasy coalition which stems from inconclusive elections in 1984.

Greece, Turkey reach accord on measures to build trust

ATHENS (R) — Greece and Turkey, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) allies which almost went to war last year, agreed on measures Friday aimed at improving their relations.

A joint communique, issued after high-level talks in Athens, said the two countries would lift visa restrictions on each other's diplomats and seek closer cooperation in combating terrorism, illicit drugs and smuggling.

The four-day meeting between Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias and Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz was aimed at furthering a peace process launched by their prime ministers in Davos, Switzerland, in January.

The foreign ministers discussed a number of deeply-divisive issues which have brought them

close to war on several occasions in recent years, but decided to leave efforts to resolve these problems to their prime ministers at an upcoming meeting.

The East Mediterranean neighbours have been at odds for years over Cyprus, control of airspace over the Aegean Sea region and the conduct of military exercises in the area.

Prime ministers Andreas Papandreu of Greece and Turgut Ozal of Turkey are due to meet in Athens June 13-15, and such problems as the Turkish military occupation of Cyprus and other volatile issues are certain to be raised.

The joint communique said the foreign ministers signed a memorandum of understanding concerning military activities on the high seas and in international airspace. The ministers agreed to abolish

visa requirements for diplomats from June this year, and pledged to refrain from provocative statements which might hurt the "Davos peace process."

They also endorsed recent moves by their representatives at the NATO headquarters of the NATO to clear the way for construction work on NATO projects in their countries.

In the past, the two countries have vetoed plans for major improvements on military facilities used by NATO in the neighbouring state.

The recent developments have given a green light for NATO funding and construction of a missile boat installation on the Greek island of Skiros and for building communication facilities in the Turkish Dardanelles Straits leading to Istanbul.

Issues related to the killings, shootings

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death rate from shooting in Gaza was markedly lower than the death rate from shooting in the West Bank. This largely but not completely coincided with the period during which injuries from beating in Gaza were far more multiple than injuries from beating in the West Bank. And for two weeks in Jan. the Israeli army managed not to kill anyone at all with bullets. What controls the rate of deaths by shooting is clearly neither the intensity of protest nor any perceived need for the soldiers to defend themselves.

In the middle of March, Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin announced a policy whereby anyone seen to be throwing molotovs or other suspicious objects could be shot. Settlers were also explicitly permitted to shoot to kill. That this has resulted in a virtual open season on Palestinians can be seen from the figures. In the second half of March the death rate from shooting was practically triple that of the first two weeks (31 as opposed to 12). Between March 15 and April 7, 44 people were shot to death. By April 18, the total number dead from shooting had reached 159. On April 16, following the assassination of Abu Jihad, 13 people were killed by shooting; two more shot

on the 16th died of their wounds the next day.

Serious injuries

Estimates of the number of reported serious injuries ranged at about 2000 as of the end of Jan. but these estimates represent only a small portion of the number of people actually injured. A group of American physicians visiting the territories in Feb. estimated the total number of injuries as perhaps 33,000 on the West Bank and 5,000 in Gaza. In general, Palestinians do not want knowledge of their injuries known, if at all possible, to prevent subsequent arrest.

Medical treatment is also decentralised and record keeping incomplete. Checking on numbers of injuries has been hampered further by the imposition of curfews, preventing entry and exit to many sites. One medical relief committee estimates that it has seen some 12,000 people since the uprising began.

Tear gas-related deaths

The exact cause of tear gas-related deaths is uncertain. It could be that the deprivation of oxygen or the effect of the gas on blood circulation places a strain on sectors of the population at risk: infants, pregnant women and their unborn babies, old people, persons with respiratory or heart conditions. It may also be the result of toxins released (e.g., cyanide) when the chemicals

break down. Types CS and CN tear gas, which are in use, are lethal in high concentrations, especially in enclosed spaces. CS powder enters the respiratory system, and lodges in blood cells, fatty tissues, and mucus membranes. Also the powder can stick to the skin and cause burning and welts on the body. Warnings against the use in enclosed spaces are on the tear gas canisters; nonetheless the gas continues to be used in high concentrations in enclosed areas.

Intrauterine fetal mortality

This table does not include information on intrauterine fetal deaths among women in the last trimester of pregnancy who have been exposed to high concentrations of tear gas. While the exact number of these deaths is unknown (many occur when people are under curfew and cannot obtain medical aid; these deaths remain unreported) physicians estimate that in Gaza alone, as of the end of February, there had been at least 80 fetal deaths.

On the night of March 7-8 alone, 11 fetal deaths were reported among women in four Gaza refugee camps. While hard epidemiological evidence is lacking, some significant connection between the tear gas and the stillbirth seems clear. UNRWA is currently involved in a systematic study of the problem.

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Reagan: No decision yet on Noriega after talks collapse

HELSINKI (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan indicated Friday that he and his advisers have reached no decisions on further efforts to remove Panama's General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

"We have had no opportunity to consider where we go" from here, Reagan said in response to questions about Noriega's insistence that he intends to remain in power.

The president was questioned as he appeared at a photo session with Finland's President Mauno Koivisto at the presidential palace on the second day of his pre-Moscow summit rest-stop.

Reagan also sidestepped a question about whether he would use military force in Panama. He said to discuss U.S. options would be "very wrong."

Pressed to respond to U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams' refusal to rule out the use of military force, Reagan replied, "I won't comment on the

possibilities.

Noriega has told Panama's parliament he rejected a U.S. ultimatum to leave power but is still open to talks with Washington.

In Washington, it was announced that Central American presidents and a private U.S. group were promoting an alternative plan of negotiations to resolve Panama's crisis following the collapse of talks this week.

The plan involves talks between Noriega and his political opponents to move the country to civilian rule and is being led by President Vinicio Cerezo of Guatemala, Panamanian opposition leader Juan Sosa and the Washington-based Centre for Democracy.

Noriega, responding to a ques-

tion from a parliamentarian during his 3½-hour appearance, said: "We are ready to converse with all those who don't come to us with ultimatums."

He said a month of contacts between his advisers and U.S. envoy Michael Kozak had broken down because Washington had pushed him to complete a quick deal.

"They presented the ultimatum that Panama had to accept their latest offer immediately or it would be withdrawn. I know because I was there. (Secretary of State) George Shultz wasn't," Noriega said.

Shultz said Wednesday that Noriega associates had agreed to a deal for the former U.S. ally to leave power. But Noriega, who faces drug charges in the United States, had backed out at the last minute, he said.

U.S. officials said earlier this week they had hoped for a deal before the superpower summit in Moscow this weekend.

Afrikaner groups hold meetings with ANC

FRANKFURT (Agencies) — A former South African opposition leader meeting Friday in Frankfurt with members of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) said the talks were "informal discussions" only.

Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, former head of the Progressive Federal Party and an apartheid opponent, met with four ANC national executive committee members, including information and publicity head Thabo Mbeki.

The same four had talks Thursday with an eight-member delegation from South Africa's anti-apartheid National Democratic Movement (NOM).

After that meeting, the two sides said they sharply disagreed about the use of violence to bring about reforms in their homeland. Slabbert spoke to reporters only briefly during a break in his discussions with ANC officials at a Frankfurt hotel.

"It's an informal discussion on a wide range of topics," Slabbert said. "We're just a group of concerned South Africans talking."

Slabbert said that in the talks he had tried to persuade the ANC to "change strategies" and try to become involved in local and national politics.

The South African government has refused to lift its ban on the ANC unless it renounces violence.

Slabbert is director of planning and policy for the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa, an anti-apartheid think tank he helped found. He is widely viewed as his country's most charismatic white anti-apartheid leader.

Mbeki told reporters after the earlier talks with the NOM in a Frankfurt hotel that the liberation group wanted Afrikaners to join the fight against racial discrimination in the republic.

"Happiness of the Afrikaner people doesn't lie in apartheid, it lies in a united South Africa," Mbeki said. "We have to act together to get rid of this system."

White legislator Wynand Malan, who led an eight-man group from his National Democratic Movement (NDM), a new political grouping that opposes apartheid both inside and outside

parliament, said he could cooperate with the ANC despite the differences in their views.

Malan's group of politicians, journalists and academics defied a government threat to revoke the passports of whites who had contact with the ANC.

Bombs hit Pretoria

Two bombs exploded in the South African capital Pretoria Thursday, the 40th anniversary of the ruling National Party coming to power, and four white women were injured by the blasts.

Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok blamed the attacks on the African National Congress (ANC) and condemned white liberals for holding talks with the guerrilla organisation in West Germany this week.

Two of the women were seriously wounded by the second of the bombs, which went off in rapid succession in city streets packed with lunchtime crowds.

Police said the first explosion was a limpet mine, a favourite weapon of the ANC, which is fighting to end white domination in South Africa. Five minutes later the second bomb exploded outside a fast food store.

The attacks prompted an angry government denunciation of a small group of white liberals who defied President P.W. Botha by flying to Frankfurt to meet ANC leaders.

A statement from Vlok said it was incomprehensible that "despite these horrendous deeds" there were still people who wanted talks with the ANC.

Mexican embassy seized in Bogota to protest shortages

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — About 40 leftist guerrillas wearing black hoods took over the Mexican embassy peacefully Thursday and said they were protesting water and electricity rationing in slum areas of the capital.

Meanwhile, six bombs exploded in other cities, two buses were burned and a union leader was killed. In the countryside, nine persons have been killed and 26 wounded in marches by peasants demanding land and nationalisation of foreign oil companies.

No weapons were seen among the people who occupied the Mexican embassy in this capital of 6 million people. There were no known threats to harm anyone or do any damage.

The protesters demanded to talk with Attorney General Horacio Serpa and the managers of Bogota's departments of electric power and water.

The Mexican ambassador, Rodolfo Figueroa, was not at the embassy when the rebels rushed into the embassy at 9 a.m. (local time), the embassy press officer, Constantino Morales, said in a telephone interview from the embassy with the radio chain Caracol.

Three embassy officials and an undetermined number of Colombian employees were in the embassy when the guerrillas arrived, Morales said.

Morales said the three officials were himself, the political adviser, Carlos Gonzalez, and the consul, Sergio Savendra.

The protesters had hired a bus, said the bus driver, Marcos Con-

ti, in an interview with the Bogota radio station RCN.

As the bus approached the Mexican embassy, the people on the bus pulled on black hoods, Conti said. Two Colombian policemen guarding the embassy, following standing Mexican embassy instructions about such takeovers, did not try to use their pistols.

The intruders said they were members of the Bolívar Militia of the April 19 Movement.

Bolívar refers to Simon Bolívar, as the head of the war against Spain in the early 18th century.

The April 19 Movement, known here as M-19, is the group that seized the Dominican Republic embassy and held 16 ambassadors hostages for two months in 1980.

M-19 also stormed the government's palace of justice in Bogota in 1986. Ninety-five persons, including 11 supreme court justices, were killed.

However, the choice of the Mexican embassy for the protest Thursday leaves little doubt that the occupation of the embassy will remain peaceful.

Mexico tries hard to sustain the myth that its government follows the same ideals of revolutionaries who came to power in Mexico more than a century ago.

For that reason guerrilla groups and university students throughout Latin America often choose Mexican embassies for their protests.

Some parts of the rationed areas have water cut for 12 hours every three days. The most serious rationing, with water turned on only one day a week, has been in slums along the southeast fringe of the city.

Soviet party takes bold step towards greater democracy

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Communist leadership has put forward a bold blueprint for discussion by grassroots party members next month to make the country more democratic and strengthen citizens' rights.

Ten "theses" reviewing the progress of Kremlin reforms and suggesting further developments were passed by a full meeting of the Central Committee earlier this week.

The approval signalled that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had consolidated his position against conservative opposition to the social and political reforms he wants to push through.

The aim of the plan was to draw ordinary people into public affairs from which they had been alienated and free the Soviet system from the encumbrances of Stalinism and red tape, according to a text issued by TASS news agency Thursday.

Political proposals to be discussed by a special party conference in June included:

— Multi-candidate elections by secret ballot to all party committees;

— Set terms of no more than 10 years for party and elected government officials (with exceptions to be made only if 75 per cent of deputies in body involved agreed);

— The possibility of replacing central committee members between five-yearly congresses to "assure a continuing inflow of fresh forces";

— Establishing a watchdog body to supervise party discipline and financial affairs;

— The strengthening of the elected people's Soviets (national parliament and regional assemblies), which should meet for longer periods.

Analysts said one of the boldest proposals was to limit the length of time an official could hold office although a let-out clause could be used to enable senior men including Gorbachev himself to serve for longer.

Tamils retreat after 5-day battle

COLOMBO (R) — Tamil separatist guerrillas started retreating Friday from a major rebel supply base in northern Sri Lanka after a five-day battle with Indian troops, an Indian official said.

An Indian High Commission (embassy) spokeswoman said "the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) are retreating."

"The IPKF (Indian Peace-Keeping Force) is pursuing them and tightening the noose," she said.

At least 30 guerrillas and 10 Indian soldiers were killed in the five-day battle as Indian troops advanced to capture the base in the jungles of Mullaitivu district, she said.

She said at least 39 guerrillas and 11 Indian soldiers were wounded in heavy fighting at Alampai and surrounding areas, the worst since the Indians seized the northern rebel stronghold of Jaffna last October.

The LTTE in a statement said 25 soldiers were killed and 20 wounded in the fighting with no casualties among the rebels.

S. African police arrest 285 black demonstrators

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Baton-wielding riot police Friday arrested 285 black employees of a luxury hotel protesting outside the lobby against a U.S. company that is cancelling its contract to manage the hotel.

Guests at the Carleton Hotel, including a contingent of travel agents from North America and Europe, looked on in amazement as police ordered the chanting protesters to disperse, then moved in with batons to begin the arrests.

Police, who have authority to declare virtually any outdoor gathering illegal, said 143 women and 142 men were arrested.

Force was used during the initial arrests, as some protesters were beaten and flung into the vans.

The employees were protesting against Westin hotels and resorts, a U.S. firm which announced last month that it would withdraw on June 6 as manager of the Carleton. The workers accused Westin of exploitation and told reporters that the firm should pay them severance bonuses as part of its disinvestment.

Westin, which managed the Carleton for 15 years, reportedly decided to pull out of South Africa because of pressure from the anti-apartheid movement.

NATO ministers pledge to share defence costs

BRUSSELS (AP) — North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) defence ministers ended two days of talks Friday and pledged to make a "renewed effort" to share equitably in the costs of their common defence.

"We are determined... in ensuring that each of us contributes in the most effective and equitable fashion" in NATO's joint defence efforts, the ministers said in a statement.

They authorised NATO officials in Brussels to launch an in-depth review of the burden-sharing picture to see what

changes, if any, must be made. The study is to be completed by the end of the year.

In their statement, U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci and the other NATO defence officials also expressed their support for U.S. President Ronald Reagan in his summit talks next week in Moscow.

NATO will review its burden-sharing arrangement against a backdrop of increasingly harsh criticisms from the U.S. Congress that the European allies do not pull their weight in the alliance.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

350 'missing' after explosion in Zambia

LUSAKA (R) — Nearly 350 people, most of them children, fled into the bush when an army ammunition dump exploded, Zambian radio reported Friday. The radio quoted central province police Chief Elias Kaite as saying that about 350 people had not returned home since Wednesday's blast in the central town of Kalwe. A girl was killed by car as she ran away from the explosions at Kotima army barracks. About 48 people were injured, some seriously, by flying debris and shrapnel which caused property damage. Soldiers searched the countryside around Kalwe, 120 kilometres north of Lusaka, to look for the missing people and tell them it was safe to go home, the radio said. Officials said the explosions may have been caused by an accidental fire. Kaite said that 60 unexploded rockets and other munitions were scattered around the town.

Aga Khan signs aid agreement with U.K.

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Aga Khan, Imam of the Ismaili Muslims, and Christopher Patten, British minister for overseas development, signed an accord of cooperation at a special ceremony in London Wednesday, 25th May 1988. The Aga Khan and Patten pledged to continue cooperation on Third World aid projects between the British Overseas Development Administration (ODA) and the Aga Khan Foundation. Patten also announced a new British grant of over half a million pounds for the training of nurses at the Aga Khan University in Karachi, Pakistan, opened in 1985. This university, which cost \$300 million to build, is now graduating its first doctors and nurses. The Aga Khan foundation, set up in 1957, seeks fresh approaches to the problems of health, education and rural development faced by people of all races and religions in the developing world today. In all countries in which it works it does so in close cooperation with the government and particularly those people for whom projects are designed.

S. African policemen sentenced to death

GRAHAMSTOWN, South Africa (R) — Two white South African riot policemen were sentenced to hang Thursday for torturing and murdering a black youth while on a rampage in a township two years ago. Warrant officer Leon de Villiers, 36, and constable David Goosen, 26, were convicted of murdering 18-year-old Wheaton Stuurman in July 1986 at Lingelihle township, a centre of black unrest outside the eastern Cape province town of Cradock. The court was told Stuurman was one of a group of young blacks arrested at random and tortured when De Villiers led a riot squad to monitor a township funeral. The victim was so badly injured that De Villiers told Goosen that he should be "taken out." Goosen took the youth to a quiet

riverbank, shot him through the neck and threw him into the water, the court was told. Passing sentence, Judge Neville Zietsman dismissed mitigation pleas on behalf of De Villiers and Goosen, who both pleaded not guilty. If the sentences are carried out, De Villiers and Goosen will be the first white policemen executed for crimes committed while on duty in a township since the start of nationwide black unrest in 1984.

Roh orders crackdown on radicals

SEOUL (AP) — President Roh Tae-Woo Friday ordered a crackdown on "left-leaning" domestic radical groups, saying the coming months before the Olympic Games in Seoul will be the most dangerous since the Korean war. Roh issued the order during a meeting of top law-enforcement officials who gathered to review the security situation in and around the Korean peninsula. "It is imperative that all possible measures be taken to forestall acts of violence by domestic radical groups to guarantee the safety of the Olympics and their successful staging," Roh said. The national security meeting was the first Roh has called since he took office Feb. 25. Among those attending the meeting were top military and police officials and several cabinet ministers. Roh warned that "terrorist" groups may stage attacks well before the games open Sept. 17. The president expressed concern that North Korea would try to sabotage the Olympics, but he said officials also should keep an eye on "left-leaning domestic radicals" bent on violence.

7 die in rebel ferry attack in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Trihal rebels seized a ferry packed with passengers and opened fire with automatic rifles, killing at least seven people and wounding two others on a river in Bangladesh's troubled southeastern hill tracts, government officials said Friday. The officials said the rebels commandeered the single-deck boat at mid-day Thursday at Kalabanga village in the Chittagong hill tracts. The rebels' fate was unknown. The ferry with an estimated 100 people on board had just cast off beginning its daily run in Rangamati district between the market centres of Subhalong and Barkal, officials said. The officials, who insisted on anonymity, said by telephone from Rangamati that panicked passengers began jumping overboard when the shooting began. It could not immediately be determined if the victims were Muslim settlers, the usual target of the rebels, or members of the largely Buddhist tribes from the area. Both groups were on the ferry. The Buddhist Chakma rebels have been waging a guerrilla war for more than a decade to try to hold on to their land and customs amid a government effort to move Muslim settlers into the hill region, which borders Burma and the northeastern Indian states of Tripura and Mizoram.

New Afghan premier named

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — Afghan President Najibullah appointed Mohammad Hassan Sharq as prime minister, Kabul radio reported in a surprise announcement Thursday.

The radio said Najibullah, head of the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), asked Sharq to form a coalition government.

The formal announcement was not expected until Sunday when the new Afghan parliament is due to open.

Najibullah has said he hopes the coalition would eventually include all political forces in the country, including the Mujahadeen now fighting against him.

Western diplomats were surprised by the appointment. "He was not one of the first six names I would have expected," said one.

Sharq replaces Sultan Ali Kishnamand, a man whose fortunes have been declining for some time. Kishnamand, prime minister for nine years, had been described as a loyal but lacklustre figure.

Sharq is currently a deputy

prime minister and in charge of the return home of an estimated 5.5 million Afghan refugees under an international accord which also guarantees the withdrawal of Soviet troops supporting Kabul.

He has had a chequered career. In 1973, he was a leading figure in the coup by Mohammad Daoud which toppled King Zahir Shah. Five years later, he was thrown into prison for one and a half years when the Marxist PDPA took over.

"I myself do not know the reason I survived since I was one of the closest friends of Daoud," he once told reporters.

Najibullah had offered the premiership to the western-backed Mujahadeen as part of his "national reconciliation" drive as the Soviets depart.

But the Mujahadeen rejected the move, vowing to continue fighting until the last Soviet soldier leaves Afghanistan and Najibullah's government is overthrown.

Soviets give figures

In Moscow, a senior Soviet

general Thursday provided for the first time a count of Soviet troop strength in Afghanistan, saying 100,300 soldiers were deployed there before the continuing began to withdraw May 15. The number provided by Marshal Sergei F. Akhromyev, chief of the Soviet military general staff and a first deputy defence minister, was nearly 15,000 less than claimed by Western intelligence sources.

Akhromyev provided the figure the day after General Alexei D. Lizichev, another leading ministry official, provided a casualty count for the first time — 13,310 Soviet soldiers killed in Afghanistan, 35,478 wounded and 311 missing.

Lizichev had refused to provide a figure for the size of the Soviet force.

Akhromyev, asked at a news conference on U.S.-Soviet relations about the size of the Soviet force in Afghanistan, said: "The contingent in Afghanistan as of May 15 numbered 100,300."

He said 9,500 soldiers had left the country since the withdrawal began.

Hanoi's move for Kampuchean pullout draws positive reaction

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Vietnam's pledge to withdraw 50,000 of its troops from Kampuchea by the end of the year has been welcomed by the Soviet Union as a move towards creating a zone of peace in southeast Asia, Pravda reported Friday.

The newspaper quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Igor Rogachev as saying the announcement in Hanoi represented a major step towards ending the Kampuchean conflict.

"The Soviet Union fully supports these important actions by Kampuchea and Vietnam and

considers that they open a direct route to normalising the situation around Kampuchea in a short period and to the realisation of the idea of transforming the region into a zone of peace," Pravda quoted him as saying.

Western diplomats in Hanoi said Wednesday they had been told by Foreign Ministry officials about the planned withdrawal, which was due to begin in June.

They said the officials had told them the remaining troops, estimated at 50,000 would be placed under the Kampuchean military high command.

At a news conference in Moscow Thursday, Rogachev said the withdrawal was only the first phase in the Kampuchean peace process: "To achieve full peace, all outside interference in Kampuchean internal affairs must end," he said.

He was referring to the military action by opposition guerrilla forces, including the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge, which have been fighting the Phnom Penh government and their Vietnamese backers.

Vietnam invaded Kampuchea in 1978 to oust the Khmer Rouge government of Pol Pot and establish the present communist administration.

Rogachev said he hoped the Vietnamese withdrawal would lead to direct talks between Hanoi and Peking as well as an improvement in Soviet-Chinese relations.

Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila said Friday that Vietnam's plan to withdraw 50,000 troops from Kampuchea improved peace prospects and chances for talks in Indonesia next month.

China flood death toll rises to 126

PEKING (R) — The death toll from massive flooding in southeast China has risen to 126 and relief workers fear more rain could bring fresh disaster to the region this weekend, official reports said Thursday.

The China news service quoted officials as saying 91 people in northern Fujian province had been killed, 650 injured and the lives of 2.8 million disrupted by torrential rains and flooding that began last week.

Thirty-five people also died in flooding in Jiangxi and Hunan provinces to the west of Fujian during the weekend, China Daily reported Thursday.

Although rains had eased by Thursday, meteorologists said a cloud front moving south from central China could bring fresh downpours in the next three days and trigger further flooding.

Officials estimate Fujian's financial losses caused by the flooding at 200 million yuan (\$54 million).

India plans new Golden Temple security strategy

NEW DELHI (Agencies) — Work will soon start on a security corridor around the Golden Temple to help keep militants from re-entering the shrine, Home Minister Bata Singh said Friday.

Singh, whose ministry is responsible for the nation's internal security, told a news conference that the plan was "almost ready to be implemented."

The decision to clear houses and shops from around the Golden Temple complex follows a 10-day siege by police and paramilitary troops to drive Sikh radicals from Sikhism's holiest shrine.

The siege ended May 18 with the surrender of the last of 200 Sikh extremists and sympathisers from the complex. At least 46

people were killed in the confrontation, most of them militants.

Police continue to keep a cordon around the shrine, but their security efforts are hampered because scores of shops, houses and narrow alleys abutting the complex provide cover for militants moving around in the area.

Singh's deputy, P. Chidambaram, told the news conference that an area of about 100 metres would be cleared around the temple.

Meanwhile India charged Friday that Pakistani help was the main reason for a surge in violence by Sikh militants seeking an independent homeland in the north Indian state of Punjab.



No naked truth in U.N.'s 'Hair' show

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A 20th anniversary production of "Hair," the rock musical that shocked theatre goers with frontal nudity, will be shown Thursday in a demure version at a U.N. benefit for children suffering from AIDS. Some say a show that celebrates carefree love and drug use is not the best choice for a fund-raiser in the battle against Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, a fatal disease most often transmitted by sexual contact or the sharing of needles and syringes by drug abusers.

The one-night presentation at the General Assembly hall has been watered down to avoid eliciting blushes from diplomats. Four-letter words (a reference to obscene language) are edited out and free spirits have to cover themselves with fig leaves. "This is a modified version for the United Nations," said one of the show's creators, James Radn. "The street language had to go in a United Nations format. I guess they couldn't take the four-letter words. There aren't that many of them." "But the U.N. just said 'no,'" added co-author Jerome Ragani. At the end of the first act, the cast will not stand singing in the nude before the audience. That was in 1968. This is a blacktie affair for the establishment, where the best seats cost \$5,000.

Some parts of the rationed areas have water cut for 12 hours every three days. The most serious rationing, with water turned on only one day a week, has been in slums along the southeast fringe of the city.

Taylor wins Onassis award

ATHENS (AP) — Actress Elizabeth Taylor, former world bank president Robert S. McNamara and the Chinese archaeological service Thursday received prizes totalling \$300,000 at the 1988 Onassis Foundation award ceremony. Premier Andreas Papandreu presented the awards at a 90-minute ceremony held in a packed chamber of the former parliament building. The prizes are given annually in memory of the late shipowner Aristotle Onassis who died in 1975 and his son Alexander, who was killed in a plane crash in 1973. Taylor shared the \$100,000 Aristote Man and Society Prize with French doctor Daniel Defert for their separate campaigns against AIDS and efforts to help victims of the killer disease. Professor Defert was not present. "I'm accepting on behalf of the loved ones who have suffered not only the empty pain of losing someone dear but also the humiliation of the abhorrent stigma of AIDS," Taylor said, to cheers, applause and whistles from the audience of Greek politicians, artists and socialites. The 56-year-old actress wore a white jacket, black bouffant skirt and a large black hat trimmed with a red rose.

Convict has quick recovery

AMSTERDAM (R) — A Dutch convict being treated in hospital for a foot injury threw away his crutches, outpaced a prison guard and ran to freedom Wednesday. "It's rather embarrassing. Suddenly his feet seemed all right... the guard couldn't catch up with him," a justice spokesman in the southern Dutch town of Maastricht said Thursday. The man, serving time for theft, escaped when he was taken to hospital to check an alleged foot injury. He fled when one of two accompanying guards left his side to get a car to drive him back to prison.

O'Toole's son returns for custody hearing

LONDON (AP) — Actor Peter O'Toole's 5-year-old son Lorcan flew to New York Wednesday with his mother, former model Karen Somerville. A British judge ruled Tuesday that the boy should return to the United States with his mother so that American courts can determine which parent should have custody. Somerville did not comment to reporters waiting at London's Heathrow airport before boarding a Pan American flight to New York. Somerville, 37, and O'Toole, 55, have been fighting over their son since they parted in 1983. An American court has already given them joint custody. High court family division judge Sir Stephen Brown ruled in a private hearing Tuesday that it was in the boy's best interests that he be returned to his mother's care in New Jersey pending another court hearing there. The Irish-born O'Toole refused to return the boy when a scheduled 10-day visit to Britain ended earlier this month, lawyers for Somerville said. O'Toole is known for such films as "Lawrence of Arabia" and "The Lion in Winter."

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